

CAN GEN. FRENCH CATCH THE BOERS?

This is the British Question of the Day. Critics are Divided. It is Agreed that the Situation in the Free State is Now Satisfactory and that French May Fight Important Rear Actions if He Cannot Intercept the Enemy. Gen. Warren Governor of Griqualand West

London, April 27.—Lord Roberts sent a cable in which it is announced that General Warren has been appointed military governor of Griqualand West, while that part of the country is in a disturbed condition.

No News About the Progress of General French

Lord Roberts' dispatch constitutes all the war news received. The country is eagerly awaiting to hear whether General French has succeeded in cutting off the retreating Boers, but of his progress there is no word.

The military critics of the afternoon newspapers differ as to the chances of another Paardeberg, but agree in considering the situation in the Free State eminently satisfactory. They argue that even if General French is unable to intercept the main Boer forces, he may score considerable success in a series of rear-guard actions or the isolation of straggling hordes.

Lord Roberts makes a peculiar reference in his cable to Sir Alfred Milner, over General Warren's appointment which lends itself to the inference that the commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa scarcely approves it and that the previous report that General Warren had been recalled was correct, but that he was saved from coming home by the action of the British high commissioners.

According to a special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, the latest authentic estimates of the Boer forces place them at 30,000, of which 13,000 are at Kroonstad, 6,000 at Fourteen Streams, 6,000 in Natal, 7,000 about Mafeking and 1000 at Pretoria, while 250 have been ordered north to intercept General Carrington's force.

The work of entrenching Pretoria is proceeding.

London, April 27.—General Ian Hamilton, with mounted infantry, naval guns and a howitzer battery, advanced from the waterworks in the direction of Thaba N'Chu. A large force of infantry supported him. He met with no opposition, and the mounted infantry occupied a strong position at Israel's Poort, dominating the Ladybrand district.

The Boer forces at Thaba N'Chu are not unlikely to make a stand to cover the escape of the convoys from the southward. They have laagers eight miles apart, stretching from Brandfont to Thaba N'Chu, with a base camp at Sammaidai station.

A report comes that a small force of British mounted infantry had a brush 10 miles east of Karoo Siding with a party of Boers who were trying to establish a connection between Brandfont and the Boer forces to the southward.

Otherwise there is no news beyond the official dispatches of Lord Roberts, except belated details of recent operations. It appears that General Brabant in the fight with the Boers at Wepener had a narrow escape. General Pole-Carew's advance was much hampered by the tardy arrival of artillery, which prevented him from capturing Leeuw kop before darkness set in and enabled the Boers to secure their retreat.

Although the large scheme of operations worked successfully several cases of unaccountable delay in the advance are remarked by the correspondents. Taken on the whole, however, there has been no bungling, and apparently Lord Roberts, with the commands in the hands of younger generals, now has an exceedingly efficient army.

The report that the Boers had reoccupied Boshof proves to be untrue. Lord Methuen is still there, and General Hunter's division from Natal, which was supposed to be going to Bloemfontein, is arriving at Kimberley.

This is evidence that some important operations are afoot in that district. It is understood that the reason the Boers did not destroy the Bloemfontein

waterworks was that there are many Boers among the shareholders.

The Boers are showing more activity in Natal. They are placing some heavy guns four miles north of Elandsbaag.

Mr. Wyndham's explanation in the house of commons yesterday has aroused considerable comment, especially his statement that Lord Roberts has been delayed by the necessity of defeating detached forces of the enemy which threatened his communications from Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, and which blocked them from East London. The only intimation hitherto received that the East London line was blocked had been discredited. This was the Boer report that the bridge at Bethulle had been blown up.

A second body of Boer prisoners has been landed at St. Helena.

All discussion of the Spion kop dispatches has been postponed until May 23 by a blocking motion introduced in the commons yesterday.

The Netherlands minister of foreign affairs yesterday received the Boer peace commissioners. It is alleged that they will time their arrival in the United States so that it will occur at the most exciting period in the presidential campaign.

An explosion occurred in a magazine containing smokeless powder on the opposite side of the street from the Begbie works, Johannesburg, used by the government as an arsenal, Wednesday night. Thirteen of the occupants of the latter building were blown to pieces and 60 were injured, including Herr Grunberg, the manager of the works. The walls of the building were destroyed and the structures in the neighborhood were a mass of flames. The shrieks of women and children in the adjoining streets added to the ghastliness of the scene. The most important of the machinery was saved. The works employed 200 persons, mostly French and Italians. The Red Cross ambulance did good work in helping the wounded.

The Pretoria correspondent of The Daily Mail says: The government inquiry suggests that the explosion was a planned outrage. The explosion occurred in a house quite separate from the works, and required a much larger quantity of nitro glycerine than could have been found on the premises. The factory will be working again in a fortnight.

School Closed on Account of Disease. Waltham, Mass., April 27.—St. Joseph's parochial school has been closed on account of the prevalence of diphtheria. There were about 300 pupils attending the school. The board of health will now take charge of the school and thoroughly disinfect it. The board of health is taking active measures to prevent the spread of the disease, and is at a loss to account for the prevalence of the epidemic.

Bullet Through His Head. Cambridge, Mass., April 27.—The Fitchburg railroad station agent at Mt. Auburn, Oliver H. Porter, 35 years old, was found dead in the cellar of the station, with a bullet through his head. He had recently been suffering from the grip, and it is supposed that he had become partially deranged.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET Received through the office of Lehman & Co., Commission Stock Brokers, Burlingame block.

Tel. 239-12.		April 27.	
Atch	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 3/4
Atch pr	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
B. R. T.	77	74 1/2	75 1/2
C. B. & Q.	127 1/2	126	126
Fed. Steel	44	43 1/2	42 3/4
Fed. Steel pr ..	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Lea	13	12 1/2	12 3/4
L. & N.	84	82 1/2	82 1/2
Man	94 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Mo. Pac	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
M. K. T. pr ..	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
N. Y. C.	137 1/2	135 1/2	136
P. M.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Pac. Gas	106 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Rock Island ..	109 1/2	109	109
Reading pr	60 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
St. Paul	121 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
Sugar	119 1/2	117	117 1/2
T. C. I.	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Tobacco	106 1/2	103 1/2	105
Union Pac	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Union Pac pr ..	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
W. U.	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Web or	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2

CHICAGO MARKET

Wheat	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	66
May, July,	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Corn	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
May, July,	40 1/2	41	40 1/2	41
Oats	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23
May, July,	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Pork	1267	1267	1267	1267
May, July,	1280	1280	1277	1280
Lard	720	735	720	735
May, July,	725	737	720	737

THE LABOR WRANGLE IN CITY OF CHICAGO

Contractors Demand 1000 Police Officers to Prevent Bloodshed

Chicago, April 28.—The assignment of 1000 police officers on strike duty has been formally demanded of Mayor Harrison by the contractors, who declare there is a reign of terror and the labor riots are approaching a crisis.

The mayor says the resources of the department are already strained to the utmost.

The contractors say that unless strenuous action is taken, lawlessness and bloodshed will be rife.

The contractors declare they have positive evidence of a plot to soak the reviewing stand for the Dewey parade in kerosene and undermine it so that it will collapse when occupied.

The strike leaders denounce it as a lie.

A NOVELTY IN SCHOOLS.

Interesting German Institution in the Harz Mountains.

At Ilsenburg, in the Harz mountains, in Germany, I investigated thoroughly Dr. Herman Lietz's school, writes Dean Jackson in the Chicago Tribune. It represents strongly the reaction against the machine method of controlling a public school system. Dr. Lietz has 55 pupils, representing nearly as many countries. The school is on a farm of 80 acres, containing orchard, garden, cereal fields and workshop. The principal building is an old powder mill. The work of converting it to a schoolhouse was done by the boys. The boys do the farm work and everything that is to be done.

Their studies begin at 8 o'clock in the morning, and at the end of an hour they exercise. They return to books, and after a period of study they have a luncheon. After another hour's study they have more play. Dr. Lietz has something new for the boys every hour, and the way they rushed at their work and at their play was remarkable. The afternoon is spent in the workshop and out of doors. The result of the system is that the boys are not dull for a minute. Their minds or bodies are always at work.

In Honor of the Concord Grape.

It was veritably a unique occasion at Old Concord, Mass., the other afternoon and one that snatched of the soil, says the Boston Evening Transcript. All the elements were in harmony with the "remembrance meeting" in honor of Ephraim Wales Bull, the originator of the Concord grape.

SCENES EXCEED TALES WRITTEN IN ROMANCE

Thousands Homeless and Millions Lost in the Fire in Hull and Ottawa

Ottawa, Ont., April 27.—The situation in Ottawa and Hull may be summarized as follows: Ottawa, buildings destroyed, 2000; Hull, buildings destroyed, 1800; total loss to both cities \$20,000,000; between 12000 and 15000 men, women and children homeless; four lives lost.

The Export Lumber company had all its stock destroyed, over a million dollars worth, and it is estimated about two hundred and fifty million feet of lumber was burned in Hull and Ottawa.

The bank of Montreal has wired \$10,000 to the fire sufferers.

The fire is now controlled.

Should the wind turn and blow the burning debris toward the city again, there would be danger of another conflagration as everything is as dry as match wood.

The scenes witnessed in Ottawa and Hull last night would appear overdrawn if incorporated in a romance.

No greater calamity has visited Canada in years.

The belt of flame was four miles long, half a mile wide.

A pall of dense clouds of smoke streamed southwestward all day, yet the sun shone clear and bright, changing in an inky blackness to amber.

Industrial Ottawa has suffered a tremendous set back.

The government is among the heavy losers as Chaudiere bridge has toppled over from the warping effects of the heat.

There were many narrow escapes. The fire broke out in the dwelling house of a woman who was building a fire.

The chimney caught and a heavy gale sent the sparks everywhere. Thousands are homeless and slept in the open air last night, though the homes were freely thrown open.

FATAL BURNING ACCIDENT AT GREENFIELD TODAY

Greenfield, Mass., April 27.—Mrs. Maria Conkey, 70, a paralytic, was fatally burned at her home this morning. Burning grass caught her clothing. She cannot live.

THE NOTE TO TURKEY IN PEREMPTORY TERMS Is in Character an Ultimatum and Has Made a Great Impression

Constantinople, April 27.—The American note handed to the Turkish minister of foreign affairs is couched in peremptory terms, demanding an immediate payment of the indemnity.

It does not fix the time limit but it is not far from the character of an ultimatum.

It produced a great impression on the Porte.

It is presumed, however, that the porte's reply will be another resuscitation of responsibility, seeking to diminish the importance of the matter.

It is feared the United States will be obliged to take steps to enforce the demands.

Turkey's decision, to send an officer to America to study naval construction is interpreted to be another sop. It is the revival of the project to buy a cruiser in the United States in the price of which the indemnity shall be included, so porte will be able to say it has not paid the indemnity.

The American government has already categorically refused such a compromise, which would mean a prolonged negotiations and the dragging out of the matter indefinitely, to which the United States will not listen.

As regards the indemnity it is in the nature of a debt of honor. If the porte wants to buy a cruiser that is a matter in no way connected with the indemnity.

The porte's reply to the last collective note on the subject of duties has not yet been made, and the embassies are exchanging views in regard to the terms on which they will consent to the increase of duty. It is thought that before beginning the negotiations the embassies will invite the porte to abolish ransoms and the measures introduced for violation of treaties.

COURT TO CONFIRM REFEREE IN STOKES DIVORCE CASE

New York, April 27.—A motion to confirm the report of the referee in the action for divorce by Mrs. Rita Hernandez d'Alba Acosta Stokes against her husband, William Earle Dodge Stokes, was made today and there was no opposition.

The court said he would confirm the report, which grants an absolute divorce on statutory grounds, permits Mrs. Stokes to resume her maiden name, marry again, with the custody of her only child, and allows an alimony of \$12,000 a year.

NEW ARMOR PLATE FACTORY FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM

London, April 27.—It is announced that a syndicate of northern capitalists with unlimited wealth is about to erect on the banks of the river Tees the largest armor plate factory in the United Kingdom.

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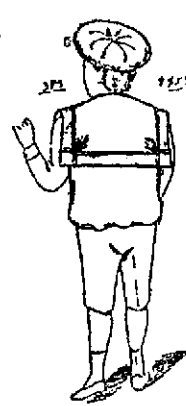
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Boys' Week price\$1.93	Boys' Week price 42c.
No. 9093, Vestee suits, ages 3 to 8, \$3.50.	No. 25, Heavy Cotton Hose, 7 to 10, 25c.
Boys' Week price\$3.39	Boys' Week price 19c.
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Bateman's City Market

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS SEN. MASON'S RESOLUTION

Twenty-Five Hundred Buildings Burned and Thousands of Families Homeless

Ottawa, April 27.—The city of Ottawa is a small town with a population of about 12,000 people, and more than half of them are homeless. The entire business part of the city, including the courthouses, postoffice and public buildings, and newspaper offices, is one mass of ruins. The population is almost entirely composed of people who work in the mills, or who derive their business from those works.

A summing up shows five square miles of territory burned over; more than 2500 dwellings, factories, mills, stores and other buildings destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, and between 12,000 and 15,000 men, women and children homeless.

Most of the lumber piles in Ottawa and Hull have disappeared and are now mere heaps of only charred wood and ashes. Half a dozen churches and schools, a number of mills, the Hull waterworks, the Hull court house and jail, the post-office, the convent, almost every business place, and about 1000 dwellings and shops in Hull have been destroyed.

Indeed, practically nothing of Hull is left, but a church and a few houses beyond it. In this city it is estimated that, besides the mills, factories, etc., burned, 1500 residences were destroyed.

The spot where the fire originated is about a quarter of a mile from the main street of Hull, and as a gale was blowing from the northwest, right in the direction of the lumber piles and mills on both the Hull and Ottawa shores of the Ottawa river and Chaudiere Falls, it was soon seen that the fire was almost certain to be a large one. By 11:30 the fire had got a good hold of Main street, and the entire street, with dozens of cross streets, was burned.

Practically there is not a house left in the street. About this time the fire made a jump of nearly half a mile, and ignited Eddy's wood yard, near a match factory. It was soon in flames, and the 50-mile an hour gale which was blowing drove a high column of flame across Bridge street and set fire to the Eddy paper mill and the other buildings of the company.

The fire at this time also sprang across the Ottawa river and caught the sheds in the rear of the McKay Milling company on Victoria island, and in a few minutes the lumber piles on Victoria and Chaudiere islands, one of the power houses of the Ottawa Electric company, the Victoria foundry, and half the buildings on the two islands, were in flames.

While the Victoria and Chaudiere islands were a seething mass of roaring flames, the fire made another jump and caught in the freight sheds of the Canadian Pacific railroad yards at the Chaudiere, and soon after the Union station was ablaze. The rolling stock and most of the freight and baggage were removed with great rapidity, and in a very short time the whole of the Chaudiere flats were fireproof. The mass of fire was blown by the wind, which stiffly continued to blow a gale down upon Rochester, Mechanicsville and Hintonburg, consuming everything in its way. At this time, 5 o'clock, there was almost a continuous line of fire from its starting place, Chaudiere street, Hull, to the St. Louis dam, and the experimental farm in one direction, and through and beyond Hintonburg in another, a distance of nearly seven miles. In some places the fire was more than half a mile deep.

The fire originated through a fire in a dirty chimney, and the high wind caused the flames to spread rapidly.

Western's Big Fire.
Weston, Mass., April 27.—A fire, which at one time threatened to wipe out the centre of the town of Weston, was caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. The fire spread toward the meadow, and drove toward the south part of the town, and at one time three large brush fires were burning. The fire destroyed a large barn, the roofs of several buildings and about 60 acres of woodland, and nearly 35 cords of wood.

Twelve Hundred Acres Burned Over.
Chatham, Mass., April 27.—A destructive forest fire was started here Thursday, presumably by a locomotive. The fire swept through the thickly wooded land with great rapidity. By a great effort the fire was finally got under control, after having burned over about 1200 acres.

Houses and Barns in Danger.
Springfield, Mass., April 27.—Forest fires are raging on the low line between Longmeadow and East Longmeadow. Much damage has been done, and the flames threaten several houses and barns. All able-bodied men in Longmeadow are fighting the flames.

A Blaze at Edgartown.
Edgartown, Mass., April 27.—A heavy fire is raging in the timber in the vicinity of Little Pond. It started from a brush fire. Already much valuable young growth has been burned over.

Forty-Five Families Driven Out.
New York, April 27.—Fire that originated in the basement of a five-story triple apartment house yesterday spread rapidly and drove 45 families into the street and caused a loss of \$60,000. Many rescues were made by the police and firemen and many occupants of the building had narrow escapes. A number of firemen and tenants received severe burns.

Fatal Elevator Accident.
Lowell, Mass., April 27.—James Seeton was instantly killed while attempting to board an elevator in motion in the Odd Fellows' temple. About three feet above the entrance on the ground floor he was hurled through a glass panel and plumed in the head while the car, up-going, struck him in the head, inflicting horrible wounds.

Cholera in Relief Camp.
London, April 27.—A special dispatch from Bombay says: The cholera is raging fearfully at the great camp at Godra, where thousands of families of stricken natives are receiving relief. A hundred and fifty corpses were removed yesterday, but 100 others had to be left because it was impossible to procure burials.

CHEERS FOR LONG AT BIG BOSTON BANQUET

Boston, April 27.—The sessions of the National Association of Manufacturers came to a close last night with a banquet of huge proportions. To this feast of good things was added the flow of oratory from men of national reputation. The banquet brought together nearly a thousand people at the tables, while twice that number came into the hall afterwards, and listened to the speeches. Interest in the speeches centered in that of Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to this country, who had favored the convention with his presence. His words encouraging American manufacturers to display their goods in China provoked the greatest enthusiasm. Perhaps hardly less interesting were the words of Secretaries Root, Gage and Long of President McKinley's cabinet, who devoted themselves entirely to a discussion of national affairs, in which they strongly upheld the course of the administration. What proved to be one of the events of the evening came when the chairman introduced Secretary Long, and the cheers which followed his rising to speak reached a climax in three long hurrahs for the "next vice president of the United States."

Uncontrollable Appetite For Drink.
Fishkill Landing, N. Y., April 27.—The police here arrested a man for being drunk. Officers searched him and underneath his clothing they discovered \$4000 in bills. The man said that his name was William D. Ashley, and that relatives had had him confined in an inebriate asylum at Foxboro, Mass. They were instituting proceedings to have a guardian appointed to gain possession of his property. He had escaped from the institution last Monday and was making his way across the Canadian border. His love for drink had caused him to take too much and he became helplessly drunk. Relatives arrived yesterday to take him back. He refused to go and retained a lawyer to look after his interest.

Won't Hear Agnostic's Testimony.
Philadelphia, April 27.—Professor Frazer, the handwriting expert who figured in the trial of New York of Roland B. Mollneux, has been notified by Magistrate Eisenbrow that he will not be permitted to testify in a case on trial because of agnostic views in relation to a God. Mrs. Millie J. Masson brought proceedings to have the will of her father-in-law, Charles H. Masson, set aside, charging the executors with forgery. Mr. Masson left about \$70,000. Professor Frazer was her principal witness.

Matters at a Standstill.
Fall River, Mass., April 27.—The meeting of the Builders' Trades council was held Thursday night, at which delegates representing the journeymen builders, steam fitters, tinmiths, carpenters and masons were present. The eight-hour question was before the meeting for consideration, but on account of the inability of the masons to conclude their conference with the master masons, no conclusion was reached. Matters are practically at a standstill, each side waiting for the other to show its hand.

Birth of an Agricultural Trust.
Abilene, Kan., April 27.—The first lodge in Kansas of a new farmers' organization, to be known as the "Knights of the Soil," was organized here yesterday. Similar lodges are to be started throughout the state, and it is intended that the whole shall finally form a farmers' trust that will endeavor to influence the price of grain by regulating the acreage and controlling the quantity placed on the market at any one time.

Indiana Republicans' Choice.
Indianapolis, April 27.—Colonel Winfield Taylor Durbin was yesterday nominated by the Republicans for governor. He has never held public office, but has been a prominent factor in both state and national politics for many years. He is a member of the national executive committee. During the war with Spain he was colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana volunteers. He also passed through the Civil war as a private.

Instructed For McKinley.
Jackson, Miss., April 27.—The Republican state convention named four delegates at-large to the national convention. They were instructed to vote for McKinley.

Governorship Suits Roosevelt.
Chicago, April 27.—Governor Theodore Roosevelt, who arrived here yesterday, declared he would rather be in private life than be vice president of the United States. He said that his position in regard to the Republican nomination for this office was absolutely unalterable. He said he would be glad if the Republicans of New York should renominate him for governor, and expressed the belief that he could be of more service in his party and the public in that position than as vice president.

Important Contribution to Science.
Berlin, April 27.—Professor Maximilian Schueller claims to have discovered the cancer bacillus. A scientific journal, publishing a report of a series of experiments, gives a detailed description of the appearance and development of the bacillus.

Drowned in the Pawtucket.
Pawtucket, R. I., April 27.—John Dunning, 4 years old, was drowned in Pawtucket river. He was playing on a log on the edge of the river and accidentally fell overboard. His body floated down the river.

Student Got Off With Light Fines.
Trenton, April 27.—The 13 Princeton students who were arrested for creating disorder in a museum here were released by Justice Jackson upon each paying \$1 fine.

Would Turn Cuba Over to Native Government on the Fourth of July

Washington, April 27.—Senator Mason introduced a resolution yesterday providing for the gradual withdrawal of our troops from Cuba, and setting July 4 as the date for turning over the government of the island completely to the people thereof.

The resolution is preceded by a preamble setting forth that in entering upon the war with Spain, the United States disclaimed any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty over the island; that the United States is under treaty obligation to give independence to the Cuban people; that the continuance of the United States in possession of the island has excited the attention of the world, and is exciting the apprehension of the people of Cuba; that under the Monroe doctrine the island is safe from invasion; that the Cubans have shown a disposition to make their best efforts to govern themselves, and can undoubtedly do so without endangering life or property, and that the United States has done all that could be expected of it.

The full text of the resolution follows: "That the President of the United States is hereby requested to withdraw the forces of the United States as rapidly as may be done with convenience and safety, and that on the fourth day of July, 1900, all civil and military power of the United States be turned over and surrendered to the people of the island of Cuba."

After four days of discussion, the house yesterday completed the consideration of and adopted the post-office appropriation bill. The attempt to strike out the appropriation for special mail facilities from New York to New Orleans, and from Kansas City to Newton, Kan., met the fate it has ever since the appropriation was placed in the bill in 1892. No one demanded a separate vote upon the amendment striking out the pneumatic tube provision, and the house, by a large majority, stood by the amendment to give extra compensation to letter carriers for work in excess of 48 hours a week. The bill to increase the salary of the director of the census to \$7500, and the salaries of supervisors of the census by 2 percent of the amount received by their enumerators, was passed.

Almost the entire session of the senate was devoted to consideration of the right of Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia to retain his seat in the senate. Mr. Pettus (Ala.), who alone of the members of the committee of privileges and elections is opposed to the claim of Mr. Scott to a seat, made an elaborate argument to sustain his views. The case went over without action.

Had \$10,000 Worth on Her Person.
Nashua, N. H., April 27.—Bridget McKen of Montreal was found wandering about in a demented condition Thursday afternoon by the Nashua police. She had on her person nearly \$10,000 in money, jewelry and other valuables. Her story is that she started from Montreal Wednesday, intending to go to Ireland. Becoming ill on the train she got off at Nashua to take a walk in the hope of recovering from her indisposition. She was acting queerly when taken into custody. The Nashua police have telegraphed for particulars to Montreal.

Significant Military Orders.
Washington, April 27.—Orders have been issued for the transfer of 118 men from Fort Leavenworth, Kas., to Havana; 180 men from Fort Sheridan, Ill., to Santiago, and 55 men from Fort Snelling, Minn., to Havana. A possibly significant feature of the orders for these transfers is that the selections are confined to men who have not less than one year to serve in their present enlistment. That is taken to mean that the military occupation of Cuba is not likely to be entirely abandoned for at least a year to come.

Life Imprisonment For Young.
Dedham, Mass., April 27.—The trial of William J. Young, charged with the murder of Benjamin F. Coolbroth at Randolph, Sept. 9, 1899, ended Thursday by the acceptance by the commonwealth of a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. Judge Bond immediately imposed a sentence of life imprisonment at state prison, the first three days to be in solitary confinement.

Under Bonds on Perjury Charge.
New York, April 27.—George W. Hull, who is wanted by the police of Providence on a charge of perjury in connection with a suit for divorce against his wife, waived examination before Magistrate Meade yesterday. He was later arraigned in the supreme court and bail was fixed at \$5000 pending an examination for extradition papers before Governor Roosevelt.

Pressmen Want Uniform Wages.
Detroit, April 27.—One hundred and fifty job pressmen, feeders and assistants, who are members of a newly organized local union branch, went on strike yesterday, in an endeavor to unionize all the printing establishments in Detroit, and secure a uniform scale of wages for job press work. The employing printers decline to make the wages uniform.

NEWS IN BRIEF.
By the provisions of the will of Charles F. Huntington, the cathedral of St. John the Divine of New York will receive more than \$500,000.

Thomas Hatland, for many years a learned member of the New York bar, and the practical framer of our existing patent law, is dead. He was in his 71st year, and was born at Norwich, Conn.

The observance of Memorial day in Atlanta was made notable by a speech delivered by the governor of Georgia, in which he scored Republican "fanatics" and criticised the war in the Philippines. Rev. Omar Genera Petrie, 80, died at Palmer, Mass. He was pastor of St. Paul's Universalist church, and until within a few days his death had been entirely unexpectd.

The building occupied by the Lydall & Foulds Paper company at Manchester, Conn., was totally destroyed by fire. The loss will be upwards of \$12,000.

Not Creditable to Union Men.

Chicago, April 27.—Complaint has been made that the girls who are to sing in the chorus which is to be a feature of Dewey day have been threatened with violence if they persist in attending rehearsals. The threats are said to have been made by union rackets and their sympathizers, who, according to Professor Katzenberger, have been standing guard at the entrance to Steinway hall, where the rehearsals take place. The unions are arrayed against the whole celebration committee because the Dewey grandstand is being built by non-union men. Professor Katzenberger is in charge of the chorus and has applied to the police for protection.

Americans Doing Gallant Work.
Manila, April 27.—About 300 of the enemy have been killed lately in North Flores, including Dodd's fight and the attack on Batoc on April 16, when from 600 to 700 rebels, a quarter of whom were armed with rifles, determinedly attacked the Americans, shattering their positions and fighting at close quarters. The engagement lasted all the afternoon, the enemy burning the town, but they were repulsed after the arrival of American reinforcements. The insurgents, generally, are aggressive in that province.

Indications of Triple Suicide.
Cambridge, Md., April 27.—Carl Kornig, his wife and son were discovered dead in a farmhouse seven miles from here, each corpse having a noose about the neck. The body of Mrs. Kornig was tied with a rope to a door knob. The son, Carl, was suspended from a bedpost in the same room. In an adjoining room the body of the elder Carl Kornig was found hanging from a hook. Many persons believe that a triple murder has been committed. But the authorities think all three committed suicide.

Secretary Hitchcock Will Investigate.
Washington, April 27.—Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians was introduced to the secretary of the interior yesterday by General Miles, by whom he was captured during the uprising in 1877. Chief Joseph asked that his band be returned to its old reservation in Oregon. The secretary stated that the Indian bureau had made an adverse report on this petition, but he would personally investigate the subject.

A Boom For Farmington.
Farmington, N. H., April 27.—Work will begin soon in the Nute factory, recently purchased by a syndicate of Farmington citizens, who organized as the Stratford Shoe company. The shoe cutters will begin work Monday and the other departments immediately thereafter. The factory will be run to its full capacity, employing 300 operatives. This factory has been idle for many years.

Strike in Shoe Factory.
East Weymouth, Mass., April 27.—Four of the 34 lathers employed in Edwin Clapp's shoe factory were discharged Thursday, no reason for this action being given, whereupon the remaining 30 lathers voted not to return to work until the other operatives were reinstated. It is believed by the lathers that the firm intends to introduce lasting machines to replace hand labor.

A Sensational Announcement.
Berlin, April 27.—It is announced that Prince Von Hohenlohe has forbidden the North German Lloyd Steamship company to make further importations of, and to land in German, Dutch or Belgian ports, freshly slaughtered meats, butter, dairy products or cereals, as directly competing with German agriculture.

Philadelphia Families Homeless.
Philadelphia, April 27.—Federal market and hall, an old landmark in the southern section of the city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Much surrounding property was damaged. A number of families are rendered homeless. Total loss, \$90,000.

Weather Conditions and Forecasts.
Almanac, Saturday, April 28.
Sun rises—4:44; sets, 6:40.
Moon rises—4:01 a. m.
High water—10:15 a. m.; 10:45 p. m.
The weather has continued fair east of the Mississippi, except in Florida and southern Alabama, where showers have occurred. No well-defined storm appears within the region of observation. There is evidence, however, of a storm development over the southern Rocky mountain region. The weather will continue fair in the New England states. Along the New England coast fresh northerly winds will prevail.

Nicaragua Not Looking For Trouble.
Washington, April 27.—Senator Corea, the Nicaraguan minister here, has made an emphatic denial of the story that Nicaragua has any hostile designs upon Costa Rica. Because of the reiteration in the news dispatches of rumors to that effect, the minister had a long conference with Secretary Hay yesterday, and disposed of these stories finally and completely.

Epidemic of Typhoid Fever.
West Burke, Vt., April 27.—There are 30 cases of typhoid fever in this little village and several deaths have occurred. The cause of the epidemic is attributed to the Passumpsic river water, which, it is said, has been pumped from the river, just below the point where sewerage enters it, to increase the regular water supply when the water was low in the winter.

Castro Increasing His Unpopularity.
Kingston, Jan., April 27.—Dr. Ricardo Becerra, an aged and distinguished Colombian resident of Caracas, has been forcibly expelled from Venezuela by order of President Castro for press writing. Venezuelans and Colombians warmly resent Castro's autocratic act, which is considerably increasing his unpopularity.

Of Course.
Landlady—How do you like your eggs?
New Boarder—Fresh, please.—Boston Journal.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

\$5,000.00 IN GOLD

Will be

Given Away as a Bonus To Early Builders at Lorraine

Appreciating the magnificent response to our efforts, which has resulted in our selling over **one hundred lots in two days**, we are determined to do more than we have promised and thus show to the people of this enterprising city that their confidence in us is held in most high esteem.

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To the first 20 customers who shall erect a dwelling house on Lorraine, costing not less than \$1500, provided the same is started by the **First Day of June, 1900**, and completed and occupied by the **First Day of September, 1900**, we will give IN GOLD, as soon as completed, \$100.00 each.

To the second 20, under same conditions, \$75.00 each.

To the third 20, under same conditions, \$50.00 each.

To the fourth 20, under same conditions, \$25.00 each.

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It will positively not be extended.

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THIS IS "IT."

Now comes the spring, the glorious time of earth's awakening. From out the south the languorous breeze blows, and from a sky of deepest, purplish blue, the amorous sun looks on the world below and kisses into life anew the flowers, who, buried deep beneath the snow, have slept the days of winter through.

Now comes the spring, and likewise comes the poet who would sing of bright buds, flowers, of grass and trees, of humming birds and honey bees, of golden days so warm and bright and showers that patter on the roof at night. The grateful breeze, the budding trees, the poet sees—or thinks he sees—and straightaway he indites a rhyme into the verse time.

If these were all—were he content to waste white paper, ink and toll in writing out, with painful moli, the thoughts that glow beneath his vest—Twere well; but, ah, he cannot rest, he cannot pause, he cannot stop till he has sent them to a shop where, armed with pencil blue, sits one who dearly loves to drop such lucubrations out of view down in a basket wide and deep where they for aye and aye will sleep.

Now comes the spring, and with it comes the Easter frock. The awful shirt waist and the leen called "Book," the shirt who scootles on a bike on city street and country pike; the chump who takes the girl he thinks is his and wastes his substance on ice cream and flea, and other things, the which I may not name, must into being and get in the game. All round us things begin to hum. And thus we know the spring has come. —Minneapolis Journal.

An Exploded Idea.
"Blinkers is a dear old guy. Funny how he loves to stick to ancient customs. I saw him today wearing boots." "Nothing funny about it. Nobody in town will trust him for shoes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Very Short.
Yeast—Isn't Penman a short story writer?
Crimsonbeak—Well, yes, I should say so. I never saw him when he had any money.—Yonkers Statesman.



Unfold Tales.
Mistress—Your master has been making complaints about you today, Sali.
Housemaid—Very likely, ma'am! But I'm more considerate, and don't run to you always and tell you the complaints he makes to me about you!

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IMPERTINENT PERSONALS.

Probably Edward Markham will reciprocate by declaring that Stephen Crane is the greatest historian alive.—Boston Journal.

If Mrs. Budd Doble succeeds in her effort to get a divorce from her husband, he will be Budd Single, as it were.—Boston Herald.

Richard Harding Davis is lost somewhere in South Africa when he ought to be in Dublin personally conducting the queen.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Admiral Dewey's rallying song for his campaign should be the old refrain "Needles and pins, needles and pins; when a man marries, his trouble begins!"—St. Louis Republic.

The ameer of Afghanistan is the only honest potentate living, because he feels honored in being called the "prince of liars." Such royal frankness deserves recognition.—Boston Globe

WAS STRINGING 'EM.

And He Found It a Very Profitable Employment.

"I never hear that expression 'got 'em on a string,'" said a guest of the Granewald, "without recalling an incident that occurred a number of years ago in a town out in Kansas. I was spending a few days in the place looking after a cattle deal, and early one evening a fakir put in an appearance on the courthouse square. He was in a fine two horse rig and had a partner with a banjo, who soon drew a big crowd.

"Then the fakir proceeded to hawk a cure all liniment at \$1 a bottle. The price was steep, and the stuff went slowly, and I noticed that at each sale he wrapped up the bottle in a sheet of white paper, upon which he ostentatiously pencilled a large cross. When four or five were disposed of, he called on the purchasers to bring up their wrappers and handed over a crisp dollar bill in exchange for each.

"I am doing this simply to introduce our wonderful pain specific," he shouted. "Who's the next lucky man to take a bottle in a marked wrapper?"

"At that the sale picked up, and when he had repeated the little comedy of selling the nostrum and redeeming the wrappers a couple more times, the stuff was going like hot cakes. Men fairly fell over each other to get to the buggy, and every now and then the fakir would bawl out, 'Hain't time to stop just now, gentlemen, but be sure to preserve your wrappers!'"

"When he had sold perhaps 400 bottles and the crowd was about cleaned out, he stopped suddenly and held up his hand for attention.

"Now, gentlemen," he said, producing a ball of narrow pink tape, "I want all of you who have a marked wrapper to take hold of this ribbon. Get in line, please."

"The crowd obeyed with a rush, and presently 400 men were strung out along the curb, holding to the tape and wondering what was going to happen next. The fakir drove slowly up the street, paying out the tape as he went.

"Hold on to the magic ribbon!" he yelled. "Don't let go of the mystic band!"

"The tape was five blocks long, and when he paid out the last of it he whipped up his team and vanished in the gathering night, leaving 400 large, able-bodied chumps hanging patiently to his infernal string. When the trick dawned on them, he was half way to the next township. Was I in the line, did you ask? Yes, I was."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Magnalium, an alloy of 10 to 20 parts by weight of magnesium with 100 of aluminum, is claimed to have all the advantages of aluminum and also to be adapted for working with tools, while even lighter than aluminum.

ONLY A MIRAGE.

Wearily I trod the desert one day, And fiercely the sun beat down; The goal I sought was not far away, But the sands were hot and brown. It must be near, I said to my heart, Unless I have missed the track; Only a few more furlongs can part From the home that welcomes me back.

Ah, what is this? I have been unwise; Behold there stretcheth a sea Near to the loveliest home I prize! It was not worth to be. Forward I rushed on my way once more, My heart exchanged with despair, Till I stood where should have been the shore, And, lo, there was no sea there!

Oh, joy of heart, here my trouble ends! "Only a mirage," I said. "Now for the sunshine of loving friends And safety at eventide." 'Tis thus, thought I, all life's journey through, We are held captives by fear— Fear for the dangers our fancied view, That vanish as we come near.

—New York Home Journal.

"THE LONG ARM."

A Case of Plagiarism.

It was 6 o'clock in the evening, and the editor of The Monthly Record sat alone in his room at a large desk strewn with papers and cuttings, gazing thoughtfully at the sheets of manuscript which he had taken from a pile before him.

"I can't understand it at all," he was thinking. "Except for the change of scene and the matter of turning a collision into a fire the two stories are practically identical. At any rate, they're rather too similar for me to pass the matter over. The extra chapter is original enough, though, and really well written, I'll admit. But what on earth possessed the fellow to send it here, out of all the offices in town where it might have gone instead? The whole thing is quite beyond me."

"I don't know quite what to say at this early stage in the proceedings," he said slowly. "But, let me see, first of all, what's the sender's name and address? Ah! 'Claude Hellingham, 14 Cadogan street, W.'"

He paused irresolutely for a second and then wrote on the sheet in front of him:

"Dear Sir—If the author of the short story, 'The Solitary Soul,' will call at this office at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, I or my representative will be glad to see him."

"There, that ought to fetch him," said the man, with a peculiar smile, as he signed the letter "Douglas Baird, Editor." Then, directing the envelope to the address given on the manuscript, he posted it at the corner of the street on his way home.

On the afternoon of the following Thursday Douglas Baird sat in his office again. He was obviously not quite at his ease, and from time to time he would open one of the drawers of his desk and examine the papers it contained as if to assure himself that none of them were missing. Presently he looked at his watch.

"H'm! A quarter past 3 already," he mused. "I wonder if my correspondent is going to fight shy after all."

A tap at the door interrupted his soliloquy. In answer to his somewhat surly "Come in," the visitor entered.

The editor of The Monthly Record slightly raised his eyebrows. Accustomed as he was to all sorts and conditions of visitors, it was not often that such a pretty girl as this invaded his office. His surliness vanished instantly. He could be charming to ladies when he chose. This was one of these occasions. Accordingly, he set a chair for the visitor and returned her timid greeting with a geniality calculated to dispel her very obvious nervousness.

It was a young but sad and troubled face that looked at him across the desk. The soft, fair hair might have adorned the sunny head of a child, but the girl's mouth had assumed a curve of unnatural determination, and the blue eyes were full of that awful fear which is to be seen only in the eyes of the refined poor.

"I have a letter from Mr. Baird, the editor—I don't know if you are—he asking me to call at 3 today," said the girl.

"I am the editor, certainly, but I can't recollect writing to Miss—Chester. In fact, I expect some one else at this hour."

"Mr. Claude Hellingham, perhaps?"

"Yes. Do you know him, then?" asked the man eagerly.

"Oh, yes, I think I may say I do, a little," she replied, smiling again. "In fact, I—I am the individual himself!"

"I don't quite understand," returned Baird wonderingly. "Is there such a person at all, then?"

"Oh, yes, very much so. I'm he, or, rather, he's my nom de guerre," she answered quickly, seeming to enjoy his evident mystification.

"You?" he replied. "You? What on earth made you take such a pseudonym?" he demanded wonderingly.

"Oh, because I thought a man's name would give my story a better chance of acceptance. But why did you write to me?" she continued anxiously. "I was so glad to get your letter! I thought you had accepted the tale. You are going to publish it, aren't you?" she added, all her smiles vanishing.

"No," said Baird, looking at her steadily. "I don't think I shall."

The girl's eyes filled at the answer, and, as he saw the bitter disappointment in her face, the editor began to feel quite remorseful. It was a deuced awkward business, he told himself.

"I am sorry, Miss Chester," he said, pulling himself together with an effort. "that you should have thought my letter meant acceptance of your contribution. Before we go any further, however, let me ask you one question. Did you send in that story, 'The Solitary Soul,' as original matter?"

A pause ensued. The ticking of a clock on the mantelpiece alone broke the silence of the room. The editor watched the woman keenly. A sudden spasm passed over her face and a hunted look came into her eyes. Then for the first time the man noticed her pallor and the poverty of her attire; she had clasped her hands together, as if to make an appeal, and he saw that even her gloves were carefully mended.

"If you would rather not answer," he

said gently and in a very different tone from that which he had intended to adopt toward "Mr. Hellingham," "you need not do so. Only, I think you must acknowledge that it is impossible for me to publish the story in my magazine."

"Will you tell me why?" she asked, trying to control her voice. "I will own that I shouldn't have offered it to you without an explanation, perhaps. But I—"

For answer he took from a drawer a newspaper and a pile of manuscript. "This is your manuscript," he remarked, watching her keenly as she put out her hand for it, "and this," he added gravely, taking up the paper, "is the journal in which a certain story entitled 'The Liar' appeared. Now perhaps you will understand."

The girl's hand trembled so that she could hardly hold the printed sheet. After a momentary glance she laid it down again, and then, turning her blanched face to him, she said tremulously, "I ask your pardon."

"Will you tell me, Miss Chester," he asked slowly, "why you sent this to me? Was it for the sake of getting into print—a natural enough vanity, I'll allow—or," he continued in a softer tone, "was the payment that you would have received had the manuscript been accepted an important consideration?"

"Oh, Mr. Baird," she exclaimed, trying to regain her composure, "I know it was a dreadfully dishonorable thing to do, but—but you don't know how hard it has been for me in London. A woman has no chance at all, and for a girl like me, without interest or friends, it seems impossible to get work. I've lost heart utterly now, and I'm so tired of it all."

"Have you met with any success at all?" he asked sympathetically.

"Yes, a little, but not very much and nothing regular. I got some fairly regular work on The Morning Comet, but the paper failed last summer and left some money owing to me, too," she added sadly.

"That was hard lines. Did you write much for it?"

"Yes, a good deal. I did all those articles on 'The Provincialism of London' and also the serial 'The Heart of a Woman,' with some short tales as well."

"By Jove! Was it you who wrote 'The Heart of a Woman,' then?" he exclaimed, with interest. "How silly of me! I ought to have remembered the name. It was a capital story. You should get it published in volume form. I'm sure it would succeed."

"I've tried to, but it was no good. The first firm I offered it to kept it for seven months and then wrote to say they would bring the story out if I would bear the expense. The next people who considered it were not so bad. They asked me to pay only half the cost. I knew they were a good firm and would treat me well, and so I tried to get the money before the book would be too much out of date."

"That is why you sent this manuscript to me then?"

"Yes; I saw that you were offering 25 guineas for the best 10,000 word story. The money meant such a lot to me, and I was so awfully hard up! I began a story and got half way through with it, but it wasn't alive, and I somehow couldn't get on with it. Then one day I came across an old file of the Cape Town Mercury in the reading room at the museum. I saw a story called 'The Liar' in it and liked the central idea very much. I worked it up and changed the construction a little and added another chapter, and then—well, then I sent it here. I never imagined any one would recognize it. The paper was over ten years old and had lasted only a dozen numbers."

"And now I think I've nothing more to say," she went on, "except that I'm ever so sorry about it all! I hope you won't think too badly of me. It was such a temptation! Will you tell me, though—her voice faltered—"how it was you found out? I didn't think any one in London could have read the Cape Town Mercury or, even if they had read 'The Liar,' that they could remember it now. It is a curious coincidence, of course."

"Yes," answered the man slowly, "an extraordinary coincidence. The fact is, though—er—I myself happen to be the original author of 'The Liar.'—Sketch.

The Cuddling of the Crow.

In the fun garden I saw a dog eating a piece of meat in the presence of several covetous crows, says a contributor to Our Animal Friends. They evidently said a great deal to each other on the subject, and now and then one or two of them tried to pull the meat away from him, which he resented.

At last a big strong crow succeeded in tearing off a piece, with which he returned to the pine, where the others were congregated, and after much earnest speech they all surrounded the dog, and the leading bird dexterously dropped the small piece of meat within reach of his mouth, when he immediately snapped at it, letting go the big piece unwisely for a second, on which two of the crows flew away with it to the pine, and with much fluttering and hilarity they all ate or rather gorged it, the deceived dog looking vacant and bewildered for a moment, after which he sat under the tree and barked at them inanely.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Poultry pays well in orchards. Large hens are best in orchards. Sit hens in a place by themselves. A red head in a fowl denotes health. Lice will gather in the nests, if anywhere.

The eggs in an incubator should be aired daily. The eggs from overfat hens rarely hatch well. Two-year-old hens lay the best eggs for hatching.

The guinea fowl is a great forager and destroys many insects that hens will not touch.

A hen that will sometimes refuse to eat bone-meal will readily eat broken bones.

A growing chicken is not easily made fat, and hence good feeding is necessary to fatten.

The time of hatching more than the breed regulates laying. Early hatched pullets make good winter layers.

One-half the chickens and turkeys hatched under hens die from lice, hence care must be taken to keep the nests and the hens free from these pests as possible and then watch the chicks.—St.

"If you would rather not answer," he

Good Cookery

GENERAL CARE OF CHILDREN IN ILLNESS.

(Continued from last week.)

By Christine Terhune Herrick.

When a child is ill with scarlet fever or measles, the chief danger to others is from infection from the germs scattered during desquamation. The principal risk to the patient is from a chill that would mean a check in the eruption, or a development of some of the dangerous sequelae of these diseases. To prevent chances of infection, which is especially serious in measles or in scarlet fever, too much care cannot be taken. Curtains should come down and carpets come up as soon as the disease positively declares itself. The furniture should be reduced to its smallest dimensions—a bed for the child, a cot for the mother or nurse, a table upon which to keep necessities, another at the head of the bed for the child's food or toys. The nurse should wear a wash dress, and is safe in protecting her hair with a cap. The clothing the child wears and the bed linen should be thrown into a disinfecting solution and allowed to steep in this covered for long enough to destroy all germs before it is sent to the laundry. A disinfectant should also be mixed with the water with which the floor is wiped up. When possible the attendant should eat her meals in an adjoining room, but she should not go into any other part of the house without changing at least the outer clothing she wears while in the sick room.

Happily the time has gone by when everything that had been used in an infectious disease had to be burned. The carbolic spray can disinfect clothing, etc., as well as can sulphur fumigation, and is infinitely less unpleasant.

Against the risk of the child's catching cold, every precaution must be taken. I have known of a case of nephritis following scarlet fever for which the only cause that could be guessed was a chill that must have come from the floor of the room in which the sick child lay having been wiped up with a wet cloth one day when he was supposed to be fairly convalescent. I have also known long-continued deafness coming after measles because the patient sat five minutes in a draft between the door and the window on one of the hottest days of the year.

Both children were in the last stages of the disease and were thought to be past all danger. As a matter of course, even more attention should be shown when the disease is at its height. Especial care must be exercised when the child is submitted to a home-made Turkish bath. This is given by putting him in a cane-seated chair placed over a pail of boiling water, and enveloping child, chair and pail in blankets. No less precaution is necessary if the patient is given a sweat in bed by means of hot water bags placed upon him and heavy coverings, heaped upon him. When such expedients are resorted to in order to bring out the eruption or supplant the action of the kidneys, the danger of a subsequent chill is most serious.

Never should the mother allow herself to lose heart or become discouraged about the little patient. This is much easier to preach than to practice, but hard though it may be, the mother should always strive for cheerfulness. In these days, when we are learning more and more the power of psychological conditions, who can say how much effect the attendant's attitude of mind may have upon the sick person? To help the mother keep up courage, there is the knowledge that a child's recuperative forces are so great that he may apparently be at death's door one day, and be actually out of his body."

(To be continued next week.)

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Recipes From Many Sources and of Acknowledged Worth.

CHOCOLATE PIE.

One coffee cup of milk, two tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate, three-fourths of a cup of sugar, yolks of three eggs. Heat chocolate and milk together, then beat yolks and sugar to a cream and add to the chocolate and milk. Flavor with vanilla. Bake with an under crust. Make a meringue of the whites and spread over the top.

ROMAN CREAM.

Into one quart of milk put one-half box of gelatine; heat for fifteen minutes; then add the yolks of four eggs beaten with one cup of sugar; scald; cool four minutes, then add the whites of the eggs beaten stiff, a pinch of salt, rose or vanilla flavoring.

ONION SAUCE.

This is a nice sauce for roast ducks or geese. Boil six onions until very soft, changing the water once or twice. Drain the onions and rub through a sieve; add one cupful of hot milk, a liberal piece of butter and pepper and salt to taste.

CORN CROQUETTES.

Mix half a can of sweet corn with sufficient mashed potato to make a thick paste, add a tablespoonful of butter and a little salt; form into croquettes, dip in beaten egg, then into bread crumbs and fry in hot fat.

APPLE BUTTER CUSTARD PIE.

Beat together four eggs, one teaspoonful of apple butter, one of sugar, one tablespoonful of apple sauce, add one quart of rich milk and a pinch of salt; bake in three pies with an under crust only.

TRUST THRUSTS.

The sugar trust and the coffee trust are fighting in New York, and the milk trust is doing things here. Taken all together, they should be able to keep the pot boiling.—Baltimore American.

Already the automobile establishments of the country are moving for the formation of a gigantic ironclad trust. Automobile makers thus prove themselves about as rapid as their machines.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

NURSEMAN.

Yellow part—One cupful sugar, one cupful sour cream, yolks of four eggs, one teaspoonful soda, lemon extract to taste, and flour enough to make batter. Beat eggs and sugar together, add cream, soda, flour and extract last. Bake in layers. White part—two cupfuls of sugar, two of sour cream, two teaspoonfuls soda, whites of six eggs beaten stiff. Stir cream and sugar together, add soda, flour to thicken, and, lastly, beat in the white of eggs. Divide this batter and flavor the white part with almond. Color the other half pink with fruit coloring, and flavor with rose or strawberry. Bake in layers, and put the layers with colors alternating, together with icing made as follows: White of one egg, beaten stiff, one-half cupful of very cold sweet cream beaten into the egg; stir thick with powdered sugar and flavor with lemon. Decorate the top with candied rose petals and violets.

ROAST SUCKING FIG.

Thoroughly cleanse the interior of a small, tender pig, reserving the liver. Draw it well and season the interior with salt and pepper and a pinch of grated nutmeg. Chop the liver very fine and fry it in a saucpan with half an inch of butter for five minutes. Stuff it with force-meat and sew up the aperture. Put half cupful of cold water in a roasting pan, then lay pig in so that it rests on its four legs. Cover all over with a buttered paper and cook in a moderate oven for two hours and baste frequently with its own gravy. Remove to a hot dish, untie, then skin the fat from the pig, and strain the rest over the gravy. Serve hot, with hot apple sauce.

COFFEE CAKE.

This requires one cupful of very strong coffee, one cupful of butter, two cupfuls of sugar, three eggs, one and one-half pints of flour, one and one-half spoonfuls of baking powder, one cupful of stoned raisins cut in two, one cupful of chopped citron, a teaspoonful of allspice, half a nutmeg grated and half a cupful of milk. Cream the butter and sugar and add the eggs one at a time, after beating. Mix powder and flour and add to butter, etc., and the other ingredients. Beat to a smooth batter, pour in a paper lined tin and bake one hour in a moderate oven.

RICE WITH CHEESE.

Wash a cup of rice and put it over the wash with bouillon, a teaspoonful of fresh butter and a little white pepper. When it is cooked and thick, add four ounces of grated cheese; stir till this is melted and serve very hot. This dish may be made more appetizing by pouring it on a plate or baking dish before the cheese is melted, sprinkling more cheese and white crumbs and butter over the top and baking it a golden brown.

TRIPE.

After it has been thoroughly well cleaned it is boiled and skinned, salt, pepper, onions, cloves and bay leaves are added, and it is cooked slowly 14 hours, or it is left over the fire all night and taken out at midday following. It is drained, cut in small outlets and served hot with a sauce rousse or a light brown sauce, or with sauce blanche made of fresh butter, flour, salt, pepper, soup stock and chopped green herbs.

BEEFSTEAK PUDDING.

Mix one quart of flour, one pound of suet, shredded fine, a little salt and cold water to make a stiff paste as for pie crust; roll out half an inch thick; season the steak well with pepper and salt, lay it on the paste, add a sliced onion and a few raw oysters, roll up, tie in a cloth and boil three hours.

KNUCKLE OF VEAL WITH RICE.

Boil a knuckle of veal, two turnips, one onion, six peppercorns, a head of celery and a cup of rice, together very gently for about three hours, skimming occasionally and adding a little salt. Serve with a border of the rice. Save the stock in which the knuckle was boiled.

POLISH BIGOS.

Take two pounds of sauerkraut and place it in layers in an earthen dish alternately with any kind of cooked meat, poultry or game, moisten with a good rich gravy, cover the pan and let it cook in the oven for about half an hour. Serve hot.

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APR. 27, 1900

ADVERTISERS in the Transcript are the best business men in the community. Their advertisements are worth reading and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

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THE PLATFORM

The platform adopted by Massachusetts republicans is sufficient. No anti-administration man in search of something to twist can find the smallest handle for his use in the platform. Honor is yielded to whom honor is due. The prosperity that is satisfying the whole people is traced to its source; the financial legislation is attributed to the right authors, and it is pointed out with considerable pride that the republican pledges of '96 have been most sacredly kept.

Passing to the question that is uppermost in the public mind, the platform is sound and entirely satisfactory. It recognizes our international and national obligations as well as our obligations to the peoples of the islands who have come under our sovereignty through the fortunes of war. There is no turning back in the platform, no shrinking of duty, and the gross materialism of which the party is so fiercely accused finds no expression in the terms which are used to define our responsibility to the inhabitants of our new possessions.

The platform is full and worthy, and to its author, Attorney General Knowlton, and to the convention which adopted it the republican party of Massachusetts tender their hearty thanks for this admirable statement of their faith, purpose and principles.

THE LONG BOOM

The strong endorsement of John D. Long for vice-president contained in the Massachusetts republican platform adopted yesterday means a great deal, the circumstances considered. Linking with this endorsement the credited story that the secretary of war will have the active support of Senator Lodge at Philadelphia and it appears as if the Massachusetts man stands a good chance of becoming the running mate of President McKinley. Senator Platt has said that the nomination would not be tendered to governor Roosevelt and he refused to have Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff endorsed by the New York republican convention. This means, no doubt, that Governor Roosevelt is out of the question, and it may mean that Woodruff is not a serious quantity. It is significant that things have been allowed to go so far in favor of Long. The secretary is a strong McKinley man and would not allow his name to be used in a way that would embarrass the president. Senator Lodge is an equally strong McKinley man and would be as careful about causing the slightest friction. In view of this it is safe to assume that the Long boom has the endorsement of President McKinley and his closest political advisers, or, at least, that it is not in any way displeasing to them. If John D. Long is not the choice of President McKinley for second place on the ticket it may be taken for granted that there is an open field with the secretary of war very likely to come in a winner.

Knowlton is no straddler.

The queen has left Ireland with far less noise than she entered it.

What's the matter with that board of trade state road committee?

Platt sits in Quay's seat in the senate. That seat won't be taught new tricks.

The promoters of the Chicago Dewey celebration have been declared antagonistic to union labor and the celebration is to be boycotted.

Bryan never said it, so he says. He didn't declare that trusts and imperialism were the paramount issues. His

new loves are all right, but his old love is ever dear. This is what he says on the matter to the New York Journal: "The report is not correct. I was shown a dispatch, saying that Editor Moss had persuaded me to drop silver, and was asked whether it was true. I replied that I had not dropped silver. I have never said that other questions were more important than the money question. I have said many times, and now repeat, that at present three questions, namely, money, trusts and imperialism, are dividing public opinion. Men differ as to their relative importance. The republicans are wrong on all three questions, and I expect to continue to oppose the gold standard, the trusts and imperialism."

The attitude of the United States to Turkey in the matter of forcing the sultan to pay the \$90,000 indemnity continues to attract the attention of the powers to a greater degree than the South African war. Representatives of the powers want to know just how far the United States will go in bringing Turkey to terms. The secretary of state, it is understood, has declared the United States has no intention of going to war with Turkey over the indemnity, and the impression prevails that the rupturing of diplomatic relations will be the extent to which this government will go if Turkey does not pay. An interesting story comes from Constantinople in relation to the incident. It is that the sultan has approached the United States representative with the suggestion that this government consent to a sub-rosa settlement of the claim. The sultan is willing to buy a new cruiser in this country for the Turkish navy and pay \$90,000 above the actual price for it. By this method the sultan would escape the pressure of his other creditors. Several of the powers have claims against Turkey.

At the Alabama democratic convention Wednesday, which was solid for Bryan, John B. Knox was tumultuously cheered when he declared: "Our duty to ourselves and our children requires that we deal with the suffrage question promptly and openly. When federal bayonets back the negro to vote, we have to resort to suffrage to prevent negro domination. We must disfranchise the negro by law." This benevolent spirit of the freedom-shouting solid democratic south recalls the stringing words of Senator Hoar in his recent speech, confronting the democrats with the shame of their misrule in the south, and gives point to these remarks by Congressman Gillett at the republican state convention yesterday: "It excites in turn my indignation and contempt to hear" our critics croak. Does any one really suspect that the great party which controls the free states of the north and west is aiming to enslave these peoples, and deny them the sweets of liberty, and that the freedom and happiness of the downtrodden Asiatic have their only safeguard in the pure and sympathetic philanthropists who maintain the solid south? Their zeal is suspicious. I would say to them: 'Charity begins at home. Pluck the beam out of your own eye. Give equal rights, a fair ballot, protection of law to the dark-skinned people of your own states, and then we may credit your disinterested anxiety for these distant peoples.'"

At Anchor in the Bay

What cares the ship how blow the winds
That lash the sea to foam,
When with furled sails she lies at rest
Safe in the bay at home?
For blow them fair or blow them foul,
All vainly bluster they
They cannot harm the ship that lies
At anchor in the bay.

Outside the bay the wrathful waves
Swift charge the rugged shore,
And like fierce baffled beasts of prey
In sullen anger roar.
But 'cross their path the harbor bar
Lies to dispute their way,
And safely guard the ships that lie
At anchor in the bay.

Ye mariners who on life's sea
With storms and tempests meet,
Keep strong your hearts, all in good time

The harbor lights you'll greet,
And all your fears and all your cares
Will swiftly pass away
When safe at last you find yourselves
At anchor in the bay.

ARTHUR J. BURDICK.

A Talk on the War

The Boer army is forever in the saddle, forever fighting, living solely on bitlong, seeing the horses die like bees in a slaughter-house. It has lost at least 8,500 men killed, wounded or taken prisoners, and these are irreplaceable. It has fought on and on, because it has been made to believe that each week was the last one of the war, because the fighting has all taken place in the Queen's colonies and because it is understood that death is the portion of every Boer who tries to run away or who even fails to shoot his rifle as fast as his fingers can work the trigger.

The Boers have really beaten the English in a way that tells through their intelligence department. When you remember that Cape Colony is two-thirds Dutch and two-thirds treasonous, you will understand what opportunities they have for learning everything about the British. The biggest traitors boast the loudest of their loyalty to the Queen. You have no idea how thickly they roost here. New York was never such a copperhead capital as Cape Town is, for all these Boers were in the twenty years' conspiracy to seize South Africa and drive the

British into the sea. The truth in full has never been told in England. At first, the English governors were a sleepy or a silly lot. Later, they feared to light the spark by telling the truth, just as the publication of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (as General Wade Hampton said to me) "led the Southern people to say, 'If they believe that book then there is nothing left but war.'"

The American reader cannot imagine—no one not upon the scene can imagine—what it has meant to fight a war in what is nominally your own soil yet actually your enemy's country. Even the British scouts and guides have in some disastrous episodes, been suspected of delivering the troops into a trap or of giving them dangerous misinformation. Sometimes this suspicion has been proved to be the solid truth. And what has the British army done on its side. Always the sturdy, stolid, honest Anglo-Saxon thing—refusing to employ spies, disdaining all skull duggery and subterranean methods, learning bitter lessons, growing cautious, but never adopting the tactics of the Boer. Its methods have been as frank as its bulldog way of fighting—rushing straight at every pit and trap and bristling hill. It is too bad that sheer pluck and unvarying honesty should have had such disastrous returns, but let no lover of a just cause long postponed have the slightest fear of the future. There will be very little more fighting in the Queen's colony. There will be no more rushing into wholesale butchery. It's a pity we did not begin at Cape Town and wage the war straight up through the colony and into the republics, but it's too late for that. Now we shall soon meet Brother Boer on his own cattle ranges that he calls "farms," and then the end will be near, for the Free State is mainly open level veldt.

I fear we shall both have horseless armies—or nearly such—before the war ends. Though every man is part of a horse and lives in the saddle, it's an intolerable country for horses. Every horse gets sick, and the very few that recover are called "salted" but that only means that they are salted for the country where they took sick. High plateau horses get sick all over again on the low plateau, and vice versa. Then, again, there are areas and belts where no sort of salting will save a horse. This is why the Boers are losing their horses as fast as the English are losing their European, Texan, Mexican and Argentine animals. Their losses by capture are also serious. They get practically none of ours, but the number of horses that we get after each battle is remarkable. There must have been several hundred riderless beasts on the veldt after the Modder River fights and this is always more or less the case, because every Boer is a mounted infantryman. When the armies are unhorsed it will be very hard on the Boer, who can do nothing on his feet; whereas, if I may say so, our mounted troops from England have been of very little service. It is different since the Australians, New Zealanders and Canadians have come. As I wrote you, each of them is his own captain, colonel and general, and they are as centaurs-like as the Boers, only half as good men when they are on foot.

Do not fancy we are tired. Do not believe any one who tells you we are hard hit. Our troops are rolling in by shiploads and rushing to the front in endless rows of trains. We have a marvellously excellent Army Service Corps the most nearly perfect Army Medical Corps that has ever assisted in war, all the food we want and all the time there is. But above all, let no one excite your sympathy for the Boer. Believe me, no one would chuckle harder than the tricky Boer if he thought any nation was going to help him in the belief that he is a simple, innocent farmer. He planned this war for 20 years, he armed himself at a cost of millions of pounds steadily for nearly four years. He bought arms for every Dutchman in the British colonies, thinking that all would rise practically and assassinate the English before their armies could arrive. He fooled himself and now he is trying to fool the United States, Russia and France. But he knows himself. He knows the truth. He is the best armed fighting man on earth.—Julian Ralph in Collier's Weekly.

TAKING THE REINS,

Up to the close of 1899 15,827 trotters had taken standard records.

Letcher, 2:15 1/4, now in training at Jewettville, is considered a sure 2:10 candidate.

Clipper, 2:09 3/4, is showing well on the Pleasanton track and is put down for a 2:05 record.

Topic, 2:24 1/4, owned by Joe Coverdale of Elk Point, S. D., has taken to pacing and goes very fast.

Honor Bright, 2:28 1/4, that swept everything on the New York Speedway on April 1, was sold for \$85 as a 2-year-old.

Belmont (Philadelphia) horsemen are agitating a series of intercity races with Baltimore and New York road drivers, cups to be the prizes.

Lady Reel, dam of Hamburg, has foaled in England a bay colt by St. Simon.

Lady Reel cost Marcus Daly \$15,000, and she was sent to England 18 months ago. Mr. Daly paid \$31,000 for Hamburg.

THE FITCHBURG LEASE

The arguments which for the last two days President Tuttle of the Boston & Maine Railroad company has been making before the legislative committee on railroads in support of the lease by his company of the Fitchburg railroad have been exceedingly interesting and instructive. Mr. Tuttle stands in the first rank of American railroad managers, having no superior in the entire country, and no equal in this section of it. His familiarity with the business, and the particular phase of it now under consideration, gives him, of course, an advantage over the less informed men who make up the legislative committee or who act as counsel for opposing interests. But there is no reason for supposing that this superior grasp of the problem is made use of by Mr. Tuttle for any other than entirely legitimate purposes.

The problem divides itself into various sections, first, the interests of the Boston & Maine; second, the interests of the Fitchburg company; third, the financial interests of the state, and, fourth, the public interests. If it were not for the benefit of the Boston & Maine to acquire this railroad property, one may be sure that President Tuttle would have nothing to do with it. His corporation represents money invested for the purpose of making a gain, and it is because he believes that through this merging of the Fitchburg system more money can be made by the Boston & Maine company than it can now secure that he has advocated the change. So far as the interests of the Fitchburg company are concerned, it is clear that when the subject was disinterestedly considered the lease was unanimously approved by the board of directors. The overwhelming vote of the stockholders is a tolerably clear indication that they believe that the certain offer of a higher rate of dividend guaranteed by the Boston & Maine is a much better financial proposition than the more or less indefinite probability that equal or greater dividends can at some time in the future be earned by the Fitchburg as an independent road. In the case of the state, there are not even the possibilities of a doubt as it sells for millions of dollars shares which a few months ago were thought to have hardly any value except so far as the represented voting power.

The last and most important division is that of public interest. If this were not to be subserved by the proposed lease, then it would not make the least difference whether the shareholders of the Boston & Maine, the Fitchburg, or even the treasury of the state, were benefited by the arrangement, and, naturally, President Tuttle turned a large part of his attention to an analysis of this phase of the question. He made it evident that, so far as concerns the export trade of Boston, the Fitchburg road, under new control, would be in a position to do more, rather than less, of this than has been done in the past. The Fitchburg's dock facilities, even with the proposed addition, are greatly cramped, and not admit of enlargement while taking the Fitchburg and Boston & Maine together, terminal dock facilities exist which will admit, without enlargement, of an enormous increase in our export trade. To encourage such trade to come this way, the Boston & Maine is prepared to give to the New York Central a large amount of west-bound freight from the various manufacturing towns of northern New England, freight which neither the Fitchburg nor the Boston & Albany has been able to command in the past, because the Boston & Maine has had inducements to send it west through its Canadian connections. The Boston & Maine thus meets the New York Central, not as a trade solicitor, but as a trade equal. By having its system extended to Rotterdam Junction, in New York state, the Boston & Maine is in a position to obtain for all the manufacturing towns in the northeastern part of this state, as well as in New Hampshire and Maine, the advantages of uniform freight rates to and from the central and extreme west, advantages in the way of reduced price which these communities do not now enjoy. These are only a few of the salient points respecting positive public advantage touched upon by Mr. Tuttle in his argument.

In reply to the comments that in other directions the lease would be of public disadvantage, by enabling the leasing road to increase its rates for freight and passenger transportation,

he pointed out that the entire history of railroad consolidation has been an irresistible refutation of this idea. The tendency of transportation charges is steadily downward. The Fitchburg road is in hardly any sense a competitor of the Boston & Maine, and this merging would be rather an extension of the latter than a wiping out of a competitive system. The reductions—many of them exceedingly large ones—that have taken place in transportation charges in the last 30 years have been the outcome of a union of railroad interests.

Another point emphasized by Mr. Tuttle was the denial, in unqualified terms, of the statement that the Boston & Maine company was controlled by the New York Central corporation, and hence the lease of the Fitchburg road to the former was simply another form of establishing a New York Central control. Mr. Tuttle said that the control of the Boston & Maine company rested in New England; that it was a New England institution, and, so long as it was a prosperous and progressive company, there was no reason for believing any change in this respect would take place in its management. Altogether, the argument made by him was clear, forcible, and, we are inclined to believe, convincing to those who had the pleasure of hearing it.—Boston Herald.

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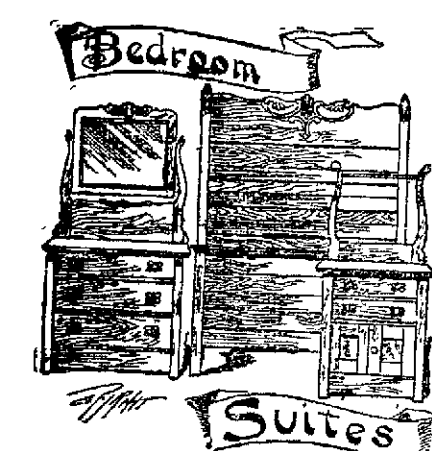
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RICE IN THE PRICE OF FURS

Poor Season Experienced by the Trappers of North America. Advance of 100 Per Cent

American fur buyers have all returned from the annual auction of furs in London, the great mart of the world in this trade, and they bring back with them unusual figures of the advances in prices, says the New York Post. Sealskin is from 75 to 100 per cent dearer than it was last year, when it rose from 40 to 60 per cent higher than the year previous. A short coat of this material, with a three inch skirt, which during the last winter cost the purchaser from \$175 to \$225, cannot now be bought for less than \$350. Some idea of the condition of the market may be gathered from the fact that there were but 60,000 sealskins for the entire world's supply this year, while in former years the United States has customarily cut up into garments 200,000 skins. Of the 60,000 auctioned the United States procured 30,000, the remainder being distributed among buyers from the British isles and continental Europe.

Silver fox could scarcely be had even at prices 20 per cent higher than those offered in March, 1899. A sealskin coat with a collar of silver fox, which, it is said, is to be the fashionable garment next winter, will cost \$1,000, and a broad tail coat of the same material, with trimmings of Russian sable, which is to compete with the former in fashion, will cost from \$1,800 to \$2,000. No sealskin coat, no matter how small or how plain, can be had for less than \$250. Red and Alaskan foxes were from 80 to 150 per cent higher in price than last year, lynx 125 per cent and wolves from 250 to 300 per cent. Marten rose only 35 per cent higher and cross foxes 40 per cent. The United States procured one-half of the entire stock auctioned.

The cause of the general advance, according to a well known dealer, is the mildness of the winter season just past, which made it difficult for trappers to track their game—particularly to track foxes. Last year there were even fewer sealskins on the London market than this, but because that skin did not hold the first place in fashion the people did not feel any effect from the conditions at the time.

The furs following after sealskin in popularity will be marten, mink, Persian lamb and all the natural furs. The avidity with which European buyers invest in the American skunk is more noticeable at each succeeding annual sale, according to the dealer referred to. Commercially the catch of this fur is of far greater value than the entire catch of Russian sable. A humorous touch in the situation is that American women pay European dressmakers comparatively large prices for garments trimmed with a fur which they do not recognize in their own country, considering it too inferior for use.

The American buyers have brought back with them models of the styles of fur garments which are to be in vogue next winter, and already work upon them has begun. The sealskins purchased by the American buyers have been left in London to be dyed, and it will be several months before they reach the home workrooms.

Commenting upon changes in the European fur market, it was said: "It will not be many years before New York, not London, will be the great fur market of the world, and European buyers will come over to New York instead of our going over to them. North America is the greatest fur producing country in the world, and there is no reason why the old habit—for it is nothing more—of sending our catch over there and then going over and bringing it back home should not be discontinued. The market has shifted from Leipzig to London, and the next move will be from London to New York. The seal catch is sent directly from the Pacific coast to London because the best dyeing of these skins is done there, but an exception can always be made in this instance. We, for example, have 15 different kinds of foxskins. The proportion is true of all our native fur bearing animals, where Europe has but one or two of the few varieties comparatively found there. The reason why London has continued as the market so long as it has is due to American shippers. They retain but few of the skins for the home market, believing that they will receive higher prices at the competitive auction market abroad. Lately, though, they have been learning otherwise. We buy practically all our silver foxskins in New York on their way from Canada to the London market. As the dealers are paid as high prices as they can obtain abroad they readily sell in New York, and the native Americans have first choice. This will eventually influence trappers and those who buy of them for shipment to keep their catch at home. European buyers must in time come to New York. Many who have watched the trend of events think that it will not be long before the great annual auction of furs will take place in New York city."

PEN, PENCIL AND BRUSH.

General Lew Wallace has just received a copy of his "Ben-Hur" translated into Persian and published in Egypt. "I regard Miss Helen Hay," said William Dean Howells recently, "as one of the most promising women now writing verse."

Frederic R. Church, the landscape painter, who died in New York recently, was 75 years old and had been in feeble health for a number of years. One of his oldest and best known paintings is "The Niagara," now in the Corcoran Art gallery in Washington.

The artist Willette, whose caricatures of Queen Victoria have won him notoriety, is a grandson of Fragonard, the last of the eighteenth century school of decorative artists. His father was an aide-camp of Bonaparte. Willette himself belongs to the Chat Noir group.

WHEN A FELLER'S STUBBED HIS TOE.

Did ye ever pass a youngster et'd been an stubbed his toe
An was cryin' by th' roadside, sorter quietlike an
A-holdin' of his dusty foot, all hard an brown an
bare,
An tryin' to keep from his eyes th' tears that's
gatherin' there?
Ye hear him sorter sobbin like an enuffin of his
nose,
An ye stop an pat his head an sorter try to ease
his woe?
Ye treat him sorter kindlike, an th' fust thing
that ye know
He's up an off an smilin—clean forgot he stubbed
his toe.
'Long th' road of human life ye see a feller trav-
lin' slow,
An like as not ye'll find he's some poor cuss
that's stubbed his toe;
He was makin swimmin' headway, but he bumped
into a stone,
An his feller's kept hurryin onward, an they let
him here alone.
He ain't sobbin or ain't sniffin, he's too old fer
that kind cuss,
But he's givin' ye' as earnest, if it only comes
in sighs,
An it does a lasp of good sometimes to go a little
slow
An say a word of comfort to th' man that's stub-
bed his toe.

Ye're never sure yerself, an thar ain't no earthy
way to know
Jes' when it's goin to come yer turn to trip an
stub yer toe;
Today ye're smilin, happy, an th' bright sun's
light an glow,
An tomorrow ye're a-shiverin, an ye're strugglin
through th' snow.
Jes' th' time ye think ye've got th' world th'
fastest an yer grip
Is th' very time, ye'll find, et yer th' likeliest
to slip,
An it's mighty comfortin to have some feller stop,
I know,
An comfort ye an try to help ye when ye've stub-
bed yer toe.

—Bismarck Tribune.

THE COOK'S POSITION.

Domestic Matters and Affairs of State Should Not Be Mixed.

The wife of a certain active and energetic member of congress is now looking for a woman to cook and do general housework for a small family. She had a good one from Virginia until three or four days ago, when she lost her. Maria was a colored woman from up the Shenandoah and was new to the ways of the city, besides being slow, as some colored people are rather inclined to be. The other morning breakfast wasn't ready at 8 o'clock and the lady of the house went into the kitchen.

"Breakfast nearly ready, Maria?" she inquired in a tone which meant it ought to be.

"No'm; but I've huffyin," replied Maria, steaming over the stove.

The lady retired and ten minutes later she came back.

"Most ready, Maria?" she said.

"Yes'm," said Maria sulkily.

The lady went out again and ten minutes later she appeared once more.

"Oh, Maria," she urged, "Mr. Blank is in a hurry to get away and see some people before going to the capitol, and you must let us have breakfast."

This was rubbing it in, and Maria couldn't stand it.

"Yes'm," she replied nervously, "I've gittin it jes' ez fas' ez I kin, an when it's done got, mis', I've gwinter design."

"Why, Maria," exclaimed the lady, "what do you mean?"

"I've gwinter design, mis'," Maria explained. "I've gwinter quit."

"Oh, no, you're not," laughed the lady, "I can't spare you. You're all right; only a little slow."

"I knows I is, mis', but I've bawn in ole Virginny an can't help it. But 'tain' dat, mis', she went on. "I ain' useter dishyer mixin vittles wid 'fairs ob state an plaidume ob our liberties an consushins an all dem dar fixin's dat de cunnel is busy wid; so I've gwinter design, an you kin git somebody else, mis', befo' fo' today, mis', case dat's when de train leaves fer de valley, an dis nigger lady is gwinter be on it, sho."

Mrs. Blank tried to patch up a peace and made all sorts of rash promises, but Maria insisted that she had enough of life at the capitol and could not be deterred from returning at once to her beloved valley, leaving her late mistress quite in the lurch.

That Settled It.

Passenger (to old salt)—Can you tell me, my good man, the name of that fine bird hovering about?

Old Salt—That's a halbatross, sir.

Passenger—Dear me! Quite a rare avis, is it not?

Old Salt—Dunno, sir. I've always heard it called a halbatross.

Passenger—Yes, yes, my good fellow, but I call that a rare avis just as I call you a genius homo.

Old Salt (indignantly)—Oh, then I calls that a halbatross just the same as I calls you a liar.—Tit-Bits.

Not in His Line.

Drowning Party—Hey! Save me; save me!

Shiftless Willie—Can't! Never saved nothin in my life!—New York Journal.

Frigitellus.

Landlady—The coffee is cold, is it, Mr. McGinnis? Well, you told me you had to take a long walk after dinner.

Don't you think you could do it better on cold coffee than on hot?

Boarder—Take a walk on this coffee? Madam, I could skate on it!—G.

Spring Buds.

It is pretty nearly time for the man with the lawn mower to appear.—Worcester Spy.

It is an open question now whether the new kissing bug or the old summer girl will get the first lining.—New York Press.

The tree man is around with his bill of \$20 for sticking up in the lawn a bean pole that doesn't grow.—Minneapolis Journal.

A MAN OF SCHEMES.

THE GRAND PROMOTER EXPLAINS MATTERS TO HIS LANDLADY.

His Little Account is Under Discussion, and He Shows Her That She is Flying Along the Road to Wealth. Thus He Dodges a Calamity.

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The grand promoter expected it. For the past week he had observed many signs that his landlady had lost confidence in him and was working up her nerve to present him a bill. His cheerfulness at the dinner table almost bordered on hilarity, and as he left the table he executed a flank movement by saying:

"My dear woman, if it is not asking too much, I wish you would hand me my account this evening. I don't want to occupy your valuable time nor put you to any extra trouble, but it seems to me that we ought to have a settlement without further delay."

He hadn't been in his room two minutes when the landlady followed. She had the bill in her hand and the light of anticipation in her eyes.

"Ah!" said the major as he took the bill from her hand. "Nothing like promptness in business affairs. Let me see. The bill itself is made out in proper form. The chirography is fair. Room and board for ten weeks at \$7 per week makes exactly \$70, and there is no mistake there. My dear woman, permit me to congratulate you. You have a business head on you. Had you



"AND YOU MEAN I OWE YOU \$980?"

needed this money before you would have asked for it. Not having any need of it and having perfect confidence in my financial integrity, you have held the bill till this date. Exactly ten weeks and \$70."

"Yes, sir, \$70," replied the landlady as she moved about uneasily.

"While it is only a trifle," continued the major as he looked the bill over again, "it should be paid and the books balanced—that is, if there is anything coming to you it should be paid at once; if there is anything coming to me I'll give you 30 or 60 days to square up."

"But how can there be anything coming to you?" protested the landlady.

"We can't tell until we have figured. My dear woman, my treasure of a landlady, let me say at the very outset that I am perfectly satisfied with your table, and as for my room kings have had far worse. If you will kindly go over the past in your memory you will admit that I have not made one single kick; satisfied, my dear woman, perfectly satisfied."

"Then the bill is all right?"

"Perfectly all right—couldn't be better. Let me see. When I organized the Universal Hand Organ trust I let you in on the ground floor for \$50,000 worth of stock, I believe. That stock ought to have given you dividends of at least \$5,000 a year."

"But it didn't, major. The whole thing busted up, you know."

"Ah, I remember. It was not a bust up, but the Hand Organ trust was consolidated with the Great American Antihillzard syndicate. I haven't the books here, but if my memory serves me right I presented you with \$100,000 worth of stock. If your annual income from that stock has reached the sum of \$10,000—if you have been enabled to purchase—"

"But I never saw any stock," protested the landlady. "You said something about it one day, but a week later you claimed that you had dropped the scheme for a better thing. You owe for ten weeks."

"Let me see," mused the major—"let me see. Did I drop the Hand Organ and Antihillzard trust for a surer thing? Ah, it comes back to me! Yes; we let go of it to take up and push to success the International Nursing Bottle monopoly. Object was to control the manufacture and sale of all the nursing bottles in the world. Any mother who refused to buy one of our bottles had to feed her infant from a trough. Each and every one of our bottles was provided with a squirt gun, and when the infant wasn't filling up on milk he was squirting at flies and developing his marksmanship. That monopoly was capitalised at \$50,000,000, I believe. You were let in on the ground floor. As my landlady I took you in first of all. My dear woman, if your dividends on that stock—"

"But I haven't had any. That was another of your schemes that busted."

The major looked at her for a moment in doubt and perplexity, but then his face cleared, and, reaching for her hand, he shook it heartily and exclaimed:

"My dear woman, what a business head you have on your shoulders—what a head! It is no wonder that your landlord never has to come twice for his rent and that the fame of your table has spread abroad through the land. Let me assure you that I am not only satisfied with everything up to date, but I mean to continue on with you indefinitely—for years and years."

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WOES OF MR. BOWSER

HE SHOWS MRS. BOWSER HOW TO DO SPRING HOUSECLEANING.

Of course, he manages to get himself mixed with sundry articles of furniture, and the result is not especially happy for him.

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"Would you mind if we had breakfast half an hour earlier than usual?" asked Mrs. Bowser the other evening as Mr. Bowser got seated with his cigar and newspaper.

"I guess not. But why?" he queried in reply.

"Well, I thought I'd begin housecleaning tomorrow. I've got two women and a man coming to help me, and I want to get an early start."

"Two women and a man, eh?" he mused as he laid down his paper. "Two women and a man, and it will take you a month."

"Oh, no; I hope to get through in three days."

"In other words, Mrs. Bowser, this house is to be upset from cellar to gar-



FIVE TWISTS AND A YANK.

ret for the next three days in order that a man and two women may loaf around and charge you \$3 a day apiece for it. That's your way exactly. By gum, but I don't believe there's another woman like you on earth!"

"Haven't I got to clean house?" she asked.



HE FELT HIMSELF GOING AND YELLED MURDER.

"Yes, things have got to be tumbled over once a year, I suppose, but I don't propose to be upset for three or four days nor pay out \$60 in cash. What housecleaning is wanted around here can be done in one hour by the clock, and I'm the person to do it. I want exercise to work off about three pounds of superfluous flesh. I'll change my clothes and be ready in five minutes."

"But you can't clean house!" pleaded Mrs. Bowser as she barred his way up stairs. "Just let it go. I've thought of another plan. I'll do it, one room at a time, and all by myself."

"What's the matter that I can't clean house? You watch my smoke and see. We won't have any puttering around about it. There's no use for you to spend a week over what I can do in an hour. I'll take the parlor first, and you needn't worry."

Mrs. Bowser dropped into a chair with a groan, and Mr. Bowser jumped into an old suit and was down stairs with the stepladder in ten minutes. The family cat came up from the kitchen and saw him in his shirt sleeves and a grim look on his face, and she quietly slipped under the lounge to be clear of the shower when the splinters began to fly.

"A man and two women, eh? Three days and \$60 expense to clean a house! Kindly keep track of my motions."

And with five twists and a yank Mr. Bowser had the furniture out of the parlor into the sitting room. The casters chirruped and the dust flew, and Mrs. Bowser dodged the dancing chairs and made her way up stairs. There were pictures and wall ornaments to come down. It would have taken Mrs. Bowser half a day to remove them, but the time consumed by Mr. Bowser was a little short of 12 minutes. That was a saving of 11 hours and 48 minutes to begin with. In taking the pictures down he grabbed them by the corners and gave a flit and a twist and snapped wires or hooks and started the molding from the wall, but he was working against time. As the last picture came down the corner struck and knocked the nose off of a marble bust of Shakespeare, and Mrs. Bowser called down to know what had happened.

"Nothing—nothing 'tall," replied Mr. Bowser as he picked up the nose and flung it out of the window. "You just keep quiet, and I'll show you how to do spring housecleaning. I don't think we'll have to put breakfast ahead of the usual time."

In carrying the ornaments into the sitting room he struck a vase against a chair and delivered it, but the shiver didn't reach Mrs. Bowser, and he had nothing to complain of. The cat purred and grinned as she looked out from her lair. Things were getting interesting. They got more interesting as Mr. Bowser loaded up with rugs and came staggering in to trip over his own feet and come down on his knees and roll over on the broad of his back.

"I—I thought you had gone through the cellar!" said Mrs. Bowser as she came hurrying down stairs.

"And suppose I had!" he demanded as he struggled up. "I'm bossing this job, and if I want to break through the floor that's my business. You see what I've accomplished, don't you? In 22 minutes I've done more housecleaning than you and your crowd could have accomplished in three days. Don't come interfering. I know my gait."

The room having been cleared of furniture, the next thing in order was to take up the carpet. Some folks waste time by prying out the tacks, but there is another way, and Mr. Bowser caught on at once. Having got a corner loosed, he seized the border in both hands and heaved and tugged, and there was a rip, rip, rip! all along the baseboard. All he had to do was to walk around the room and heave away. Some men would have folded the carpet over and rolled it up when it was free from the floor, but Mr. Bowser didn't. He drew a long breath, waded the sweat out of his eyes and rushed the carpet together in a heap to resemble a small haystack. As a sort of grand wind up and to reduce the height of the pile he fell on it. Two yells and a whoop followed, and the sounds jumped the cat out from under the lounge and brought Mrs. Bowser down stairs on wings. He hadn't meant to yell when he fell foul of the tacks and laughed for a minute that he had kicked over a bumblebee's nest, but he was taken by surprise. However, Mrs. Bowser found him on his feet and struggling to preserve a calm and careless demeanor, and she could only remark:

"It must have been cats fighting in the back yard. I see you've got the carpet up. The next thing is to dust the ceiling. I'll get you a feather duster."

When she had handed him the duster and disappeared, Mr. Bowser advanced and kicked that heap of carpet about 40 times as hard as he could swing his

One of the most interesting departments in the United States treasury is that devoted to the redemption of mutilated currency. To it are sent all varieties of bills in every conceivable stage of mutilation. It is seldom that the experts cannot decipher the burned or crumpled pieces together the myriad fragments. The collection is a curious one, changing every day with kaleidoscopic rapidity.

The burning of a note usually brings out its design in a sort of metallic relief upon its surface, and by means of a glass, and other implements and also a full and complete knowledge of the intricate designs, no two denominations being alike, on every note showed their face value is learned with incredible dexterity.

Some arrive in fairly good condition, some shrunken and water soaked, others scorched black and twisted out of shape; many are merely thin, "tiny black flakes," and in one case now now considered the evidence of a small handful of black powder, which the swears was \$65, accidentally blown into the fire.

Often the mischief has been done by mice, handfuls of the finest of pieces attesting the evil ways of the rodent. Babies are another source of trouble, maniacs, victims of drunken frenzy, plovshares, sawmills—in fact, the strangest and most unheard of accidents are occurring all the time. But in a great majority of cases the money has been burned, for a common practice among people who are their own bankers seems to be the keeping of their funds in unburned stoves. A cold day comes, the fire is lighted by some unsuspecting person who "didn't know it was loaded," and the owner suddenly finds that he had money to burn in spite of himself.

In one instance a man having \$7,000 in government bonds, besides notes and gold, kept them in a tomato can which he placed in the elbow of his parlor stove. While he was plowing his fields company arrived, his wife had a fire kindled, and shortly he made the unpleasant discovery that his riches had taken wings. Had he sent the money just as it came from the stove, wrapped in cotton, it might have been saved, but in endeavoring to separate it he became so churned and ground up that the department was able to identify only about \$2,000 for him.

An old woman who had accumulated about \$800 was one night at her devotions, when the candle in some mysterious manner was overturned in the midst of the money. Now, history does not relate why it was there or whether she was returning thanks or paying a tit of homage to Mammon, but at any rate it was destroyed, and as she threw the ashes away and at the instigation of her friends poked them out again there was only enough left to return about \$100 to her.

But much more fortunate were an old couple in the west. The man had been a soldier, and by the long accumulation of years they had saved a little sum, when one day the wife in going to look at it found that the mice had left only a pile of carefully saved fragments. Almost distracted, she took it to the bank, reporting that the last time she had counted it the sum had been \$275, mostly in tens and twenties. It was sent here, the tiny bits sorted and arranged as only experts can arrange them, and the necessary three-fifths of every note was found. But the best of all was that instead of \$275 it was discovered that the old people's savings amounted to \$350, which amount was finally sent to them, much to their joy.

Of course the greatest precaution is necessary, and the affidavits must leave no doubt as to the utter and entire destruction of the missing parts of the notes. In one case of this kind a farmer sent from Kansas some greenbacks amounting to \$50, only half of each note being intact. The rest, he declared in a strong affidavit, had been destroyed and also stated in what manner, but on consulting the books it was found that one-half the sum had already been paid to another person who had sent the other halves of the notes from another part of the country. Consequently but \$25 was returned to him.

Thereupon the cashier who had transacted the business for the farmer wrote such an indignant letter, saying the government had impounded the honesty of the claimant and that he would prove him in the right, that the affair was put into the hands of the secret service, the proofs exhibited and the imprudent farmer fined \$1,000 for false swearing.—New York Tribune.

Christening Florida.
As to why Ponce de Leon gave the name Florida to the territory now known by that name, the Florida Farmer and Fruit Grower quotes from an old book published in 1703: "Gave it the name of Florida because it was first seen in Easter, called Pascua de flores in the language of his country, or as Herrera alleges, because it was covered with flowers and the most beautiful blossoms." And The Farmer adds: "Those who have seen the Easter season in Florida and the wealth of flowers which still commemorate and adorn its return can well believe that both these reasons influenced the giving of its name."

Putting It Mildly.
Judge—Here, officer, this man says he was arrested for merely taking cold. Is that correct?

Officer—It is, your honor. He was stealing ice when I nabbed him.—Chicago News.

Improving Each Shining Hour.
That little boy seems as busy as a bee.

"Yes; he has hives."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Real Thing.
Daisy (taking her first meal in the country)—Mamma, what is the matter with this currant jelly?

Mamma (in a whisper)—Flush, dear! It's real currant jelly.—Chicago Tribune.

MUTILATED MONEY

Save the Fragments and Uncle Sam Will Redeem Them.

Skillful Work of Officials

SAVING AN OLD PAINTING.

Ingenious Method by Which It Was Transferred to New Canvas.

"Did you ever see an old painting of a new canvas?" said a well known art connoisseur of this city. "One I saw at first blush, but I saw it again with a picture over eight feet square, and the operation was a perfect success. The painting, which I had seen in a fine example of the early Italian school, but it had lain forgotten in a garret for years, and had become so much discolored and damaged that it was impossible to distinguish any of the details. Gradually it could have been cleaned without trouble, but the damp and mold of two centuries had rotted the canvas until it was ready to fall apart at a touch, and scrubbing was, of course, out of the question."

That was the condition of things when it was taken in hand by an expert restorer from Belgium who happened to be in the city. The first thing he did was to glue a huge sheet of thick manila paper firmly to the face of the picture. Then he turned it over carefully and picked off every particle of the old decaying canvas, revealing the rear surface of the paint itself. It was a big job and required no end of patience, but the last thread was finally removed, and nothing was left but the fragile shell of pigment. That he covered with the strongest fish glue, and a new sheet of canvas was spread over it and pressed down.

"In a few hours it was perfectly dry, and the painting was as firmly attached to its new foundation as if it had been there from the start. Nothing then remained but to take off the manila paper, which was readily done with hot water. After that the surface was thoroughly cleaned, and the picture is now almost as bright and clear as it was when it left the painter's easel. The owner could hardly believe his eyes. It seemed to him that a veritable miracle had been accomplished."

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

ANATOMY IN RHYME.

An Easy Way to Memorize the Members of the Body.

A recent writer in an Australian paper teaches anatomy in verse. The rhymes are not all perfect, but they "will serve."

How many bones in the human face? Fourteen, when they are all in place.

How many bones in the human head? Eight, my child, as I've often said.

How many bones in the human spine? Twenty-four, like a dusting vine.

How many bones in the human chest? Twenty-four ribs and two of the rest.

How many bones in the shoulder bind? Two in each; one before, one behind.

How many bones in the human arm? Five in each, as the palms were put.

How many bones in the human forearm? Two in each, one before, one behind.

How many bones in the human hand? Five in each of every one's hand.

How many bones in the human leg? Twenty-eight, and by joints they bend.

How many bones in the human hip? One in each; like a dish they dip.

How many bones in the human thigh? One in each, and deep they lie.

How many bones in the human knee? Two in each, we can plainly see.

How many bones in the ankle strong? Seven in each, but none is long.

How many bones in the ball of the foot? Five in each, as the palms were put.

How many bones in the human toe? Twenty-eight, and there are no more.

And now, if you reckon the bones on a plate, They count, in a body, two hundred and eight.

Then we have the human mouth, nose, and teeth, under and under, thirty and two.

And now, if you think there's a bone, I think, That forms on a joint or to fill up a chink,

A sesamoid bone, or wormian, we call, And now we may rest, for we've told them all.

—Success.

England's Boy Choir.

Julian Ralph, writing of "The Choir Boys of England," in The Ladies' Home Journal, says: "Small boys are much preferred, for the reason that they develop into manhood later than big, stalwart children, for it is at the coming of manhood that their voices break and they are obliged to stop singing until their adult tones are reached—a matter of years. A boyish treble is as delicate as the bloom on a peach, and its possessor must lead an orderly and innocent life, which is why so many choirs are made up of boys taken from their homes and boarded and taught in church institutions. These, sometimes, are able to sing until they are 17 or 18 years of age, though between 14 and 15 is the usual period when their voices break."

Gold Lined Geese.

According to the United States consul at Chung-King, China, in the department called Chung-pai, Chi'li Tang, gold is found in abundance by washing in the valley near the city. The inhabitants of the neighborhood keep large flocks of geese to work the gold fields for them. When the geese are found to be very heavy, they are killed and their maws emptied of the gold contained therein. A flock of geese is sometimes worth a good deal of money, but geese dressed ready for eating are very cheap indeed—from 15 to 20 cents each.

Unsurped a Right.

Professor John Snelling Popkin was professor of Greek at Harvard some years ago, and he was not without a nickname, which he accepted as a matter of course from the students, but, hearing it on one occasion from a man of dapper, jaunty, unacademic aspect, Professor Popkin exclaimed: "What right has that chap to call me 'Old Pop'? He isn't a student of Harvard college."

The Cure Stuck.

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Lady—Yes, but now I want something else to help me to get rid of the plaster.

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A DROP IN PRICE.

The Miner Took Less Than He First Asked For His Claim.

"These fabulous stories you hear," said a Colorado man, "of the wonderful discoveries made and prices received for claims in the mining regions bring back to my mind a story that is told to be told in the earlier days of Colorado."

"A young chap had there located a claim in which he had every confidence that ore existed, but try as he would he was unable to locate the precious metal, and little by little he became sicker and sicker at heart until at length there came a day whose closing was marked by clean discouragement on his part. His last place of abode was, as he said, a dump of gunpowder and his credit utterly used up. Still he believed the ore to be there, but he recognized the utter futility on his part of trying further to get at it. Lonely and out of spirits, just at sunset he stood at the door of his cabin looking for the last time over the scene of his useless efforts, when down the winding trail came a stranger astride of a broncho. Taking in the situation at a glance, the man reined in his cayuse and called out to the lonely figure in the cabin doorway. 'Say, pardner, what will you take for that played out claim of yours?'

"Hope sprang up and gleamed from the miner's eyes as he firmly replied: 'Played out, nothing. I'll take \$1,000, 100 gold to buy me out.'

"The stranger slowly gathered up the reins. 'I'll give you \$5,' he said tentatively.

"All in cash?" queried the late prospective millionaire eagerly.

"Yes," was the response.

"The claim's yours," on the part of the mine owner closed the transaction.—New York Tribune.

SAM HOUSTON'S SECRET.

Why He Left His Wife and Joined the Cherokees Is a Mystery.

"A mystery in which the American people were once deeply concerned was that which shadowed the life of one of the most remarkable characters of the country," writes William Perrine in The Ladies' Home Journal. "In 1839 Samuel Houston, or, as he called and signed himself, 'Sam' Houston, was governor of Tennessee. It was in the midst of a campaign for re-election to the gubernatorial chair that Tennessee was startled by a report that he had resigned his office. He had been married to the daughter of an influential family. Three months afterward she returned to her father's house, and her husband resolved to pass the rest of his life in the wilderness."

"Houston betook himself to the tribe of Cherokees in the Indian Territory. He adopted their costume, appearing in all the trappings of an Indian brave, letting his hair grow down his back and wearing a buckskin shirt, yellow leggings, a huge blanket and turkey feathers around his head. No one could induce him to reveal the secret of his metamorphosis and his abandonment of the ways and habits of civilization. He married again after he emerged from his Indian life, and he lived to be an old man, dying in the midst of the civil war, but no one was ever able to persuade him to unlock the mystery of his life. Nor would his first wife, who also married again, throw any light on the mystery."

Poaching Eggs.

Break an egg carefully into a coffee cup and sprinkle it lightly with salt and pepper. Have ready a small steppan containing some boiling beef tea which has been nicely seasoned. Carefully slip the egg into the pan and poach it in the usual way. When it is done, place it on a rather thick round of buttered toast. Thicken a small quantity of beef tea quickly with a little corn flour and pour it over the egg.

Another way of serving a poached egg is as follows: Break a new laid egg into a buttered teacup, season it with salt and pepper and place the cup in a steppan containing sufficient boiling water to reach rather more than half way up the cup. As soon as the egg is set turn it carefully on to a piece of hot, buttered toast. While the egg is cooking boil a small quantity of cream in a saucepan, season it with a little celery salt and pepper and add a teaspoonful of chopped parsley to it. Pour the cream over the egg and serve at once.—New York Post.

Taffy's Retort.

A Welshman, walking through a fashionable street in London, noticed on a door a bell. At the side of the bell were these words: "Please ring the bell."

Taffy went and rang the bell. In a second a powdered little footman appeared and asked him what he wanted.

"Nothing," said the Welshman, "but I rang the bell because it says so."

"Oh," said the footman, with a smile, "I see you come from the country where nannys go to grow on gooseberry bushes!"

"Yes," answered the Welshman. "But in London there are more wonderful sights. You have only to ring a bell, and a monkey pops out."—London Telegraph.

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To all persons interested in the estate of Martin G. Shaw, late of North Adams in said county, deceased.

Whereas, Maria C. Adams, has presented for allowance the final account of the administration of Jasper H. Adams upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Pittsfield, in said county, on the third day of May, A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said account is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the North Adams Transcript, a newspaper published in said North Adams, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this tenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred.

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Grasp this opportunity when it is with you, for golden opportunities when once lost can never be reclaimed. Do not put it off until next week or some other time, for a time as favorable as the present will not present itself again. We have marked the prices at rock-bottom for a starter, we are going to sell every plot without reserve, first come, first served. Come out today, do not put it off. Now is the time for a good selection. This will be THE GREATEST LAND SALE EVER HELD IN NORTH ADAMS.

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A. O. H. NOTES.

CASE IN EQUITY.

The case of John L. Barker of this town, who has petitioned for the removal of a claim on the Park street real estate, pending the hearing of the matter in the superior court, was heard by Lawyer H. C. Joyner, as master, in the county commissioners' room at the court house in Pittsfield Thursday. The real estate is held by Anna H. Barker, the petitioner's sister, and it is claimed by the plaintiff that the mortgage was given so that the father would be cared for during his lifetime. The father has since died, but the mortgage has not been discharged, and hence the suit. Harrington, Shaw & Phelps appeared for the petitioner and Fixby & Couch for the remonstrants. Decision was reserved.

STRUCK BY A LOG.

George Perkins, for many years employed by H. J. Arnold & Sons, was seriously hurt Thursday. He was at work at the saw mill and was unloading a log off a truck. One end of the log was off the truck, when it rolled and the other end struck Mr. Perkins on the side of the head.

The force of the blow was so great that Mr. Perkins was knocked senseless to the ground. He was carried to his home and did not recover consciousness for a long time. Dr. Mahady attended. The man's skull was injured and there was a bad contusion. Nothing serious is feared though it will be some time before Mr. Perkins fully recovers from the effects of the accident.

TO MAKE REPAIRS.

Joseph Montgomery is to have his building on Myrtle street repaired. It will be remembered that last spring during the flood, that part of the Berkshire House, used as a pool and billiard room which is directly over the Hoosac river, was badly damaged. The high water took away several of the posts, that supported the building and allowed the room to settle. Three large timbers, cut especially for the use, will be placed under the pool room and will be made firm, so as to avoid damage again.

SATURDAY EVENING HOP.

Hoosuck Valley lodge of Odd Fellows will hold another of its series of dances in their hall Saturday evening. McGrath's orchestra will furnish music and F. D. Field will prompt. The public is invited.

The Loomfixers' union will hold a dance in the A. O. H. hall this evening. Doyle's orchestra will furnish music and F. D. Field will prompt.

A number from here will attend a dance in Dean's hall in Cheshire, under the auspices of the Coopers' club of that place.

NEW GLOBE AT LIBRARY.

The latest addition at the public library is a large Joslin 18-inch terrestrial globe, mounted on a tripod stand. It is placed in the reference room and adds much to the appearance of that room, for the globe is a handsome one to say nothing of its usefulness. It is the best of its kind and is of the sort that is now used in the public schools in Boston. It is very valuable, showing as it does, and at a glance, the true relative situations of political and geographical divisions, cities, etc., the world over.

TO BE BURIED SUNDAY.

The remains of the late Peter Meyer will be taken from the tomb next Sunday and buried in the soldiers' lot at the Bellvue cemetery. This will be the first burial in the lot which was set apart by the town for that purpose. The burial will be with full G. A. R. honors and will be under the auspices of George E. Sayles Post G. A. R., the members of which are requested to meet at the hall at 2.30 p. m. The burial services will take place at 3 o'clock.

FITTING UP NEW STORE.

A. H. Simmons is making changes and repairs in his store on Park street. It is the one in his dwelling house and was formerly used as a millinery store. It will be fitted up as an undertaking department. The arrangement will be such that the coffins may be set out on tables instead of placed in wall cases. A part of the store will also be used to store furniture in and the whole will be a valuable accessory to Mr. Simmons' present business.

OLD MAID'S CONVENTION.

Don't forget the Old Maid's Convention at the opera house tomorrow evening. Of Miss Horr who has charge

the Philadelphia Record says: "Miss Horr has the knack of making her hearers feel the emotions she portrays in her readings to a marked degree, and what with a pleasing personality, splendid control of a musical voice and an accomplished style of delivery, she made a decided hit."

WILL SERVE TEA.

The Woman's Relief corps of George E. Sayles post, G. A. R., will hold a tea party in the memorial building tomorrow evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. The women have made complete preparations and a successful party is anticipated. Supper will be served for 10 cents. The relief corps has always been noted for its excellent spreads and no doubt the party will be well patronized.

BASEBALL TOMORROW.

There will be a baseball game at Howland Park, Zylonite tomorrow afternoon at 3.15 o'clock. The game will be between the North Adams and Holyokes. The latter team is said to be a strong aggregation and have had considerable practice. The North Adams team will have several new men who were signed this week. A good game is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson and family of Newark, N. J., have moved to this town. Mr. Robinson is an overseer at the new Berkshire mill.

A Polander is building a new house off Croteau street.

"Tip," the old shepherd dog owned by Mrs. Liversedge of Renfrew was killed last week. His owner had him chloroformed. He was probably the oldest dog in town.

James McGuaghan is in New York on business.

Mrs. Sanderson of East Renfrew has moved to Zylonite.

Superintendent Delano of the state hatchery was in town today and with Dr. C. W. Burton, arranged for the distribution of the fry at the local hatchery.

The road roller was taken out Thursday and is being used on the state road at the Harbor.

The regular meeting of the N. E. O. P. will be held this evening.

Mrs. A. Phillips of Crandall street has gone to Worcester.

Dr. Boulay of Palmer visited Dr. J. P. Crowley, this week.

Lieutenants O'Brien and Hodecker returned from Boston, Thursday.

Peter Murray has gone to Troy, N. Y., to visit with friends.

These real estate conveyances have been recorded: David Richmond to H. W. Burnett \$500, J. L. Manchester to Fred Jacques, Joseph Sagarin to P. P. Smith, F. P. Smith to Joseph Skoveri, Charles Callahan to R. W. M. Feticler. The quarterly meeting of the Greylock Y. P. S. C. E. union will be held in the Congregation house here, Monday evening.

Mr. Bennett of Cheshire, who has been visiting his son, Liverman Bennett, has returned home.

Mr. Winslow, formerly of this town, is visiting friends here.

Fred Duprta has taken a position in Herold and Tiedeman's bakery on Summer street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Slime.

Edward Dunn has returned to Boston after a visit with his mother on Columbia street.

A Card

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. Wilson House Drug store, Seve nce & Co., Williamstown, A. E. Hall, Williamstown, Galvin & Co., Greylock, Brown C. O'Connor, Braytonville, C. J. Whitney, Briggsville, M. L. Whitney, Stamford, Vt., Silas Mason, Hartwellville, Vt., C. A. Stroud, North Adams, William Orr, Jr.

TO RENT.

A large house, all modern improvements at 25 Dover street. Inquire at 21 Dover street.

FOR SALE.

House and lot south end Enterprise street, 68 rods land, 20 fruit trees, two grape vines. House two stories, slated roof, eight rooms, one or two families. Hen house and barn.

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Nice Navel Oranges,
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Fruit of all kinds.

Easter Candy

Candied Dates,
Cream Walnuts,
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Will give surprising results. Our own mixture. For reference see lawn around the

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The Mystery of Lady Byron.

W. E. Hibbey writes vigorously of Lady Byron in The Pall Mall Magazine. In the end they were married by special license; a year and a fortnight after the wedding Lady Byron left her husband never to return to him, and the great heart of the public rose to the occasion. A bride repudiating her groom! A young mother fleeing the embrace of her firstborn's father! Obviously she—young, innocent, high principled, above all, virtuous—was the victim. By specifying nothing and so suggesting the unspeakable, she captured the general imagination and set it working to her sole advantage.

"He is completely lost in the opinion of the world," and "I look upon him as given up to every worthless excess for the rest of his life," thus Miss Godfrey to her friend, Thomas Moore, and, condemning on hearsay and in advance, the poor soul did but follow her ladyship's suggested lead.

She had but to refrain from speaking indeed, and one of the strongest, bravest spirits of our century was expelled his country. And none knew why she did it, nor how. And why she did it remains a mystery even till this day.

A Desirable Death.

Children get queer associations of ideas in their heads at times. A little lad on Capitol-hill has a playmate of his own age in the son of a poor neighbor. The son of toll visited his richer friend the other day wearing a gorgeous red tie. The son of wealth eyed the tie enviously for awhile and then asked Benny where he got it.

"My mamma dyed it for me for a birthday present," lisped Benny.

After Benny went home Rex played listlessly about for a time and then leaned on his mother's knee, thoughtfully studying the pictures in the fire. "Mamma," he said finally, "Benny's tie was awful pretty, wasn't it?"

"Yes, dear."

"Mamma, won't you kill me a tie like Benny's when I get a birthday?"—Washington Star.

Different Ways.

In these days of religious controversy, conscientious objections to vaccination and reluctance to kissing the Book it is refreshing to recall the broad minded views of John Chinaman on the last named subject as expressed in the court at Singapore. In that colony natives of southern India generally take an oath by killing a fowl, Chinamen by breaking a saucer, Englishmen on the Testament as at home. Our friend John, however, on being asked how he would be sworn replied, "Kill im cock, break im saucer, smell im book—all the same!"—Chambers' Journal.

Why He Doubted Her.

"Belinda says her photograph was taken when she wasn't looking, but I don't believe it."

"Why don't you?"

"She has her head on one side and her eyes rolled up."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mr's Sarcasm.

Mr. Snarley—I never was one that wanted to get something for nothing. Mrs. Snarley—Well, that is about what happened when you married me.

FLOWERS AT HALF-PRICE.

I have a number of Easter Lilies in bud and bloom this week and offer them at just half price to make room for other stock. I have already booked a good many orders for Decoration Day, why not let me book yours? Tel. 17-12. T. D. BROWN, West street.

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Thursday, April 26

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The Greatest Laughing Show that

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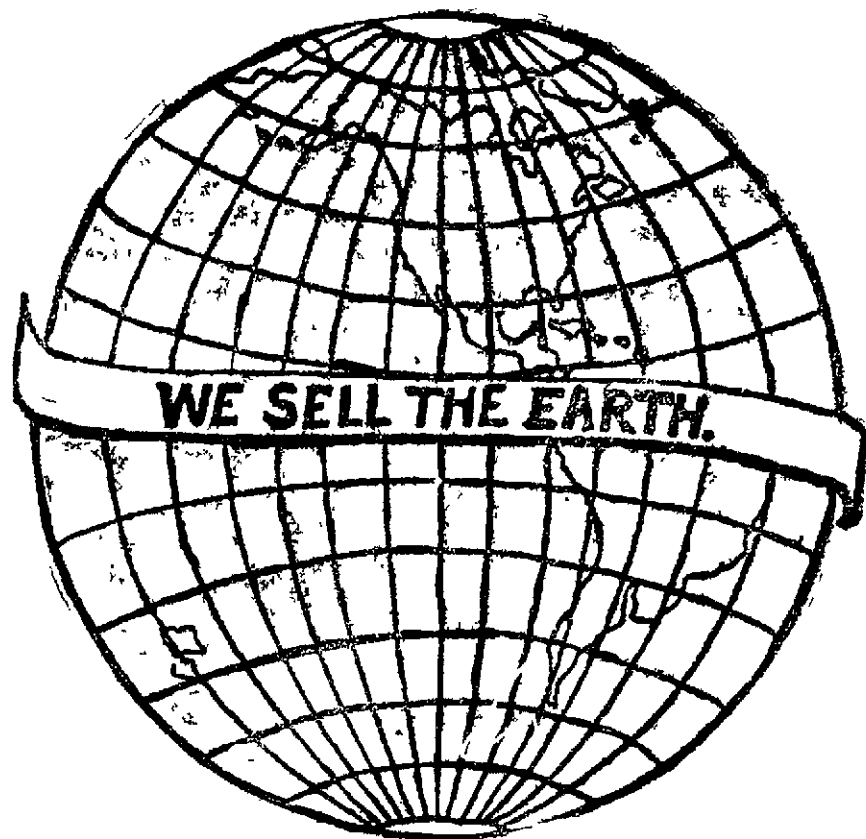
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Still we will add that Sherman Heights contains 175 beautiful home sites and that many of the best lots are left, all to be sold at very low prices and upon our

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We Are Not In the Farm Business

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Don't miss the opportunity offered by this sale, it will not occur again in North Adams.

A big drive in prices and many bargains for this week. Farms are always for sale at Your Own Price, we have been offered a number of them since we came here. Not so with Fine Building Lots which you know will cost you \$500 and upwards anywhere in North Adams excepting at beautiful SHERMAN HEIGHTS.

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Sales. Great Money
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Every Minute in the Day

Sale Starts Promptly at 8 O'clock
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Until 10 O'clock at Night

5500 yards fine ginghams, pretty neat dress patterns,
dainty colorings, regular price 10 cents, Saturday sale price
5 cents yard.

40 pieces indigo, gray and black prints, best quality,
regularly sold at 7 cents, Saturday sale price 4 1/2 cents yard. 500
yards fine imported French and Scotch striped muslins, reg-
ular prices 12 1/2 to 20c. Saturday's sale price 9c yard.

36-in. Percales, light colors, regular price 12 1/2c yard.
Saturday's sale price 6 1/2c yard.

500 Unbleached Sheets, wide 3-inch hems, size 81x90,
heavy quality, regular price 45c. Saturday sale price 29c each
2000 yards Heavy Unbleached Cotton, 36-in. wide,
regular price 7c yard. Saturday sale price 5c yard.

500 Huckabuck Towels, regular price 12 1/2c yard. Sat-
urday sale price 7 1/2c each.

200 Heavy White Bed Spreads, regular \$1.25. Sat-
urday's price 98 cents each.

175 Heavy White Spreads, regular price \$2. Sat-
urday's sale price \$1.29 each.

In the Millinery Department we offer a large assort-
ment of short back sailors, all colors, regular price \$1.25 and
\$1.49. We offer the entire lot for Saturday's special price
69 cents each.

250 Bunches Assorted Flowers, regular prices 75c to
\$1.50. We offer choice of the entire lot at 39 cents a bunch.
150 feathers, black and colored ostrich tips, regular price 98c
to \$1.25. Choice at 49c each.

125 pieces Nubian fast black percaline dress linings,
regular price 18c. Saturday's sale price 12c yard. 12 pieces
Mousselines, including all new pastel shades, regular price
75c. Saturday's sale price 59c yard. 50 pieces heavy cord-
ed all silk ribbons, all new pastel shades, regular price 25c.
Saturday's sale price 14c yard.

500 pairs fancy polka dot hose, in black and cadet,
white spots, regular price 25c. Saturday's sale price 12 1/2c a
pair. 700 pairs fast black hose, midnight fast black dye,
high spliced heel and double sole, regular price 25c. Sat-
urday's sale price 14c pair.

200 Heavy Print Wrappers, newest styles, best color-
ings, regular price \$1. Saturday's sale price 69c each. 150
best quality print wrappers, regular price \$1.25. Saturday's
sale price 98 cents each.

50 dozen Infants' Silk Caps, Saturday's sale price
25 cents each.

95 pairs corsets, black, drab and white, sizes 23 to 30.
regular prices \$1 to \$1.75. Saturday's sale price 50c a pair

Don't Miss the Great Saturday 12
Hour Bargain Giving Sale
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E. H. ARNOLD'S APPEAL

Charges That F. A. Cady Was of Un-
sound Mind When Will Was Made

The appeal of Edward H. Arnold of this city from the will of F. A. Cady, first reported in this paper Tuesday in connection with the appeal of Mrs. H. A. Marsh, has excited great interest in this city as well as in Greenfield and Ashfield, where Mr. Cady lived during the latter years of his life. The Springfield Union has the following story on the case:

Edward H. Arnold of North Adams has filed in the office of the clerk of courts an appeal from the decree of the probate court, admitting to probate the will of the late Francis Augustus Cady, who died in Ashfield in February, leaving an estate that has been inventoried since his death at about \$65,000.

In the will Mr. Cady gives to Edward H. Arnold \$1, and the same amount to Hattie A. Marsh of North Adams. Mr. Cady did not mention in the will that Mr. Arnold or Mrs. Marsh were his relatives. It will be recalled that Mrs. Marsh has already taken an appeal to the supreme court, alleging undue influence and unsound mind on the part of the testator.

In the papers filed in the office of the clerk of courts, Mr. Arnold represents "that his father, Francis A. Cady, was unduly influenced in the making of said will; and your petitioner further states that his said father was not at the time of making the will of sufficient mental ability to do so.

It is also understood that Jackson Cady of North Adams, a brother of the late Francis A. Cady, is to bring a suit in equity against the estate to recover money alleged to be due from transactions covering a period of about 40 years. It is claimed that Jackson Cady and Francis A. Cady were practically partners.

The will of Francis A. Cady, after making bequests of \$1 to Mr. Arnold and \$1 to Mrs. Marsh, gave \$4000 to a brother, Andrew I. Cady, and made a daughter, Frances M. Cady, residuary legatee. The daughter is now only about 13 years old. The will was made about eight years ago, when the daughter by the second marriage was only about five years of age. The will is in the testator's handwriting. W. H. Gaylord and Dr. George L. Rice both prominent business men of North Adams, are named as executors.

BERKSHIRE DOCTORS MEET

Discuss Pneumonia and Elect Officers
in Pittsfield Yesterday

The annual meeting of the Berkshire district medical society was held at the New American house in Pittsfield yesterday in connection with the quarterly conference and banquet. There were 20 present. The banquet was served at 2 in the private dining room on the second floor, and was followed by a general discussion on "Pneumonia, its causes and treatment." The subject was discussed at the last meeting of the society, and was not finished until yesterday, when clinical notes of cases met with in private practice were talked over.

The annual election of officers was held, and the list follows: President, W. W. Scofield of Dalton; vice president, M. L. Woodruff of Pittsfield; secretary, L. C. Swift; treasurer, W. L. Padlock; librarian, W. W. Leavitt; commissioner of trials, A. T. Wakefield of Sheffield; commissioner for state nominating committee, O. J. Brown of this city; F. K. Padlock of Pittsfield alternate; counselors, J. F. A. Adams, O. J. Brown, Homer Bushnell W. W. Leavitt, F. K. Padlock; censors, W. W. Leavitt chairman, Homer Bushnell, Henry Colt, W. W. Scofield and W. M. Mercer.

The '400' Want Exclusive Charity

From the Pittsfield Sun:
It is whispered softly in diverse places, that Pittsfield's "400" is dissatisfied with the charity ball as it has been conducted. Of course these whisperings are only indulged in when there is no one about who would convey the matter to the elect but such things reach all ears in time. It is said that the ball is not ultra enough to suit certain society people and while this may be true of "certain society people," the Sun believes that the most of our people are too democratic and human to entertain any such ideas. The charity ball is the ball of the people. It is an affair where all meet on a level and in the name and for the benefit of sweet charity, enjoy an evening together. Narrow and bigoted indeed must be the man or woman who frowns on such a gathering as that which assembled at the Casino last week and small must be the soul which decries the democracy of such an assemblage. We are all built in the likeness of Him who bore the title of "The meek and lowly." Fortune may have changed our stations and placed us on different social planes, but we are all human and, in an instance such as this, we are all actuated by the same spirit of helpfulness to those more unfortunate than ourselves. The democracy of the charity ball is its most attractive feature and to rob it of this would be to condemn it to ignominious failure. If these "holier than thou" folks wish to flock by themselves, they have the means to do it. Let them give their own ball at \$5 a ticket if they choose, but let them keep to themselves their unmanly and unwomanly carplings at the charity ball of the people.

Memorial Building in Pittsfield

The Pittsfield Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution are working for a memorial building, as a memorial to all the soldiers from that place who have served in any of the wars of the nation. The idea is that in this building, quarters could be provided for the Grand Army, the Sons of Veterans, the veterans of the Spanish war, the Woman's Relief Corps and the auxiliary organizations of the Sons of Veterans and the Manning Garrison.

Governor Signs the Bill

Governor Crane has signed the educational bill which makes it compulsory for every town in the state to either employ a school superintendent or join with other towns in so doing. The bill was introduced by Senator Tolman of Pittsfield.

WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY OF ADAMS

Way in Which W. B. Plunkett Was Pre-
sented to State Convention

One of the most enlivening features of the republican state convention in Boston yesterday came in the way in which W. B. Plunkett of Adams was nominated as "William B. McKinley of Adams." The Springfield Union's Boston correspondent tells of it as follows:

Rev. A. E. Winship made a very happy speech in nominating the delegates-at-large, and when he reached the name of Plunkett, made a most fortunate blunder. He nominated him as William B. McKinley. The delegates fairly howled at this break and then applauded at the very neat way the speaker got out of his troubles by referring to the great friendship that exists between McKinley and Plunkett.

What Mr. Winship started to say was this: "Again, I have the honor to name a man from the Berkshire hills that have given us our governor whose ability, devotion and modesty are the admiration of the people of the commonwealth, irrespective of party affiliation. And I name as the third delegate-at-large, an industrial leader and a warm personal friend of our president, William B. Plunkett of Adams."

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Olive Torrey

Mrs. Olive Torrey died this morning at 12.30 o'clock at her home in South Williamstown, aged 84 years. Her death was caused by paralysis. In November, 1890, she sustained a shock which seriously affected her right side and almost totally destroyed her power of speech. She never recovered from the shock, but regained her strength to a degree which rendered her comparatively comfortable much of the time during the long period of invalidism that followed. Three weeks ago last Sunday she suffered another shock, and from that time she gradually failed until the end came.

Mrs. Torrey's maiden name was Olive Converse. She was born and reared at South Williamstown, and in early womanhood was married to Justin Torrey of that place. After living for some years there and in New Ashford and Pittsfield they moved in 1851 to Long Island, N. Y., where they lived till the fall of 1865, when they returned to South Williamstown.

Until stricken by paralysis Mrs. Torrey enjoyed excellent health and was a very active and industrious woman. She was a person of quiet tastes and manner, fond of home and extremely devoted to her family, yet ever ready to be of service to others. All who knew her esteemed her highly, and will realize that by her death a pure and worthy life has been brought to its close. She had been for many years a member of the Congregational church.

Mrs. Torrey's husband died in 1870, and of their seven children only two sons and a daughter survive, J. C. and Miss Kate L. Torrey of South Williamstown, and G. B. Torrey of this city. One sister is living, Mrs. Sarah Warren of Ashfield, who has reached the age of 96 years.

The funeral will be held at the house Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial will be in South Williamstown cemetery.

Mrs. Helen A. Harrington

Mrs. Helen A. Harrington, wife of Andrew M. Harrington, died last evening at 6.30 o'clock at her home on North street after a prolonged illness with diabetes. For the last five years Mrs. Harrington had not been strong, and she had been confined to the house for the last five months. She was 47 years and nine months of age.

Mrs. Harrington was born in this town, her maiden name being Helen A. Whitney. Her parents moved into the house on North street when she was a few months old, and practically her entire life had been spent in the same house, she and her husband making it their home after their marriage in 1872. She was a member of the Baptist church and of the woman's auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A., in which organizations she had been an active and faithful worker until ill health compelled her to give up many of her duties outside the house. She was also a member of Rebekah lodge, where she had occupied all the chairs.

In her home and social life Mrs. Harrington was a sympathetic, generous minded woman, who had made a very large number of warm friends who will mourn her loss. She leaves, besides her husband, her father, Royal B. Whitney, but no brothers or sisters. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the house, Rev. J. H. Spencer officiating, and burial will be in Southview.

Mrs. Sarah E. Moon

Word was received this noon of the death in Berlin, Conn., of Mrs. Sarah E. Moon of this city, who went to Berlin a little over a week ago to visit friends. Death was due to paralysis. About a year ago Mrs. Moon suffered a shock, and another shock last Sunday left her with one side entirely paralyzed.

Mrs. Moon was born in Granville 63 years ago, but had lived here for many years. Her husband, John E. Moon died about four years ago. Since that time she had lived with her only brother, S. J. Ellis of 39 East Quincy street.

She was a member of the Methodist church, and was a well known woman, loved by many friends. The funeral will be held at the home of Mr. Ellis Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Hamilton officiating.

Transferred to Lea

Bishop Deaven has appointed Rev. Father W. P. Hartigan late of St. Anne's church, Worcester, to succeed Father Mullen of Lea, who left yesterday for his new pastorate in Clinton. Father Hartigan has for 10 years and four months been curate under Father Tuttle in Worcester. He was educated in the public schools of Worcester and graduated from Holy Cross college in the class of '86. He graduated from Montreal seminary in the class of '89, being a classmate of Rev. Father Mullen at the latter institution.

A SOUVENIR WORTH \$1.00 Given to every one who visits Wodge's Bicycle Booth at the carnival, Odd Fellows' hall, and has their name registered.

THE FITCHBURG'S CAR WORKS

Prospect of Lease Doesn't Stop Im-
provements in Property

Should the legislature ratify the lease of the Fitchburg railroad to the Boston & Maine, the latter company will have at East Fitchburg one of the best plants in this country for building and repairing cars. The Fitchburg railroad continues to make improvements in their property as though there was no prospect of its being leased. The company has a large stock of materials on hand, most of it purchased before the recent rise in lumber, iron and other stock that enters into the construction of cars.

A new Ingersoll-Sargent air compressor is being set up in the machine shop. The compressor has a capacity of 700 cubic feet of free air per minute and replaces one with a capacity of 140 cubic feet per minute. The compressed air is used for lifting heavy weights, pressing forgings, cleaning cars and a great variety of other purposes.

It is surprising to see how quickly compressed air will clean the inside of a car, including the upholstery. A car cushion which would stand several minutes' beating before being cleared of dust is cleaned by compressed air in about a minute.

Cars are being cleaned and varnished at the rate of two per day at the building used for that purpose.

A sample car of 128 box cars, each 40 feet long and with a capacity for 80,000 pounds, to be built at the shops, is now standing on a side track. The car was loaded with 80,000 pounds of car wheels as a test of the car's strength, and it showed no signs of weakness under the load. Steel body and truck bolsters will be used in the new cars.

WIFE RETURNED TOO LATE

Husband Had Been Found Not Guilty
When She Arrived

Burton E. Robinson was found not guilty of non-support in police court this morning and discharged. Robinson, it will be remembered, was the man who wrote his wife, asking her to return to him, enclosing stamp for reply, and who got the reply in the form of a warrant for his arrest on the charge of non-support. After hearing the evidence the court continued the case a week to give the couple a chance to live together again, as both promised to do. They didn't, however, the wife returning to New York state last week. This morning just after court was over she showed up at the police station, wanting to know if she had any chance to be supported by her husband. She was told the latter had been discharged.

William A. Davis was charged with assault and battery on his wife. The latter complained that he tried to choke her last Saturday night. The fact that persons in the next room did not hear any scuffle, and that she waited till Thursday before entering a complaint caused the judge to believe that the assault was not so very serious, and Davis was discharged.

Four drunks were fined \$5 each, and one probationer was put on file.

TOLMAN SHED FISH TEARS

Says Trout Don't Grow Over Six Inches
Long. Legislative Matters

In the senate yesterday Senator Tolman shed a few tears over the bill in relation to taking trout, explaining that in Western Massachusetts a bill to provide for returning trout taken under six inches to the streams alive would be inoperative, as sportsmen rarely caught a trout over six inches in length, and there was no known way in which a trout killed by being taken with the rod could be returned to the stream alive.

The country members, led by Mr. Mellen of Worcester and Mr. Davenport of Greenfield, objected to paying for any part of the boulevards in the metropolitan district, but the case of state highways was heard up against the objectors and the house passed the bill.

By mutual agreement of the committees, the amount to be paid for portraits of governors to be placed in the state house was fixed at \$1000 each.

Mr. Hall and the Book Agents

The question of encyclopedias and recommendations is still an open one, apparently, the two-volume agents resent Mr. Hall's statements that the recommendation which they are using from him was given a year ago. They have one which they claim was signed, although not written, by Mr. Hall March 27. When Mr. Hall was asked about it he said that he did not remember, but might have signed the recommendation on that day. He also gave a note to the agent, suggesting that the latter be given a list of pupils' names by teachers. This note, the agents claimed, was what enabled them to secure the names they used, and they argue that Mr. Hall is as much responsible for their having a list as if he had given them the list himself. Mr. Hall admitted that he gave them the note.

Italian Bazaar Opening

The Italian Columbian club and band will open their bazaar in the Sperry block on Holden street this evening. The hall is trimmed and decorated very artistically and the effects obtained are pleasing. This evening there will be a concert by the band and there will be vocal and instrumental selections given. After the concert there will be dancing. The bazaar will continue for a week and the public is invited.

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This week we have on exhibition a line of celebrated "Victor" jardiniere which we would be pleased to show you. These jardiniere are something new in shape and decoration and the prices will please you. Have you seen the decorated china shown in our windows? A jardiner or a piece of choice china is just the thing for a wedding gift.

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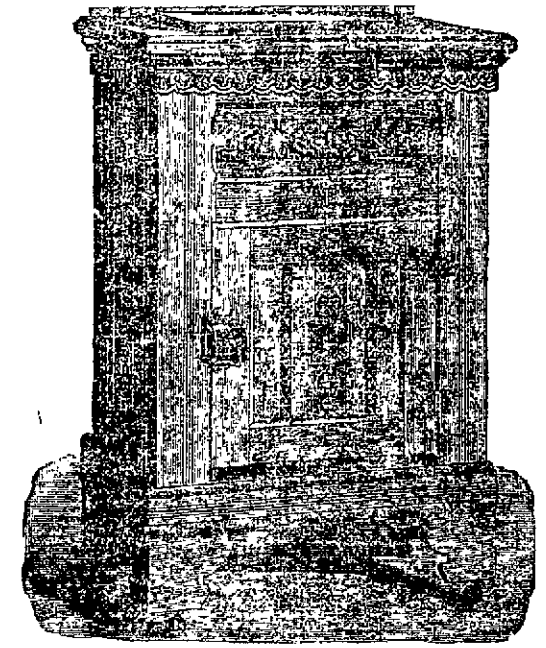
Fresh Vegetables

Spinach, good green stock, 25c peck.
Dandelions, good green stock, 25c peck.
Radishes and top onions, 3 bunches for 10c.
Parsnips, fresh washed.
New cabbage, ripe tomatoes, Bermuda onions, ripe bananas, nice lettuce.
We have a nice line of California navel oranges, 22c and 27c dozen, juicy and sweet.

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